

Mr Wilson pledges review of cash for industry plea for national unity

The Prime Minister, in a broadcast to the nation last night, called for national unity in the face of the economic crisis. He said the Government was giving urgent attention to the question of cash aid for industry and commerce, and the Chancellor was hard at work on his autumn Budget.

Long haul ahead, country told

David Wood, Chief Editor, said Mr Wilson began his fourth night as Prime Minister in the United Kingdom last night with a ministerial broadcast in which he candidly appealed for national unity in facing the economic crisis.

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Leaders of industry to seek relaxation of tax burden

Industry leaders tonight will urge the Prime Minister to take action to get industry back on its feet. They will ask the Government to relax the squeeze on industry, and some observers would not be surprised to see other leading manufacturers calling a moratorium on investment until the situation is eased.

Ford vetoes aid on Turkey

President Ford has vetoed a resolution which would have authorized a \$1.5 billion military aid to Turkey. He has demanded that the aid be lifted, so that only Kissinger, Secretary of State, can continue to mediate the Cyprus dispute.

Pressure mounts for Mr Heath to decide

Mr Heath faces the likelihood of an acrimonious meeting of Conservative backbenchers over the party leadership next week. He has announced this week his plans for the future.

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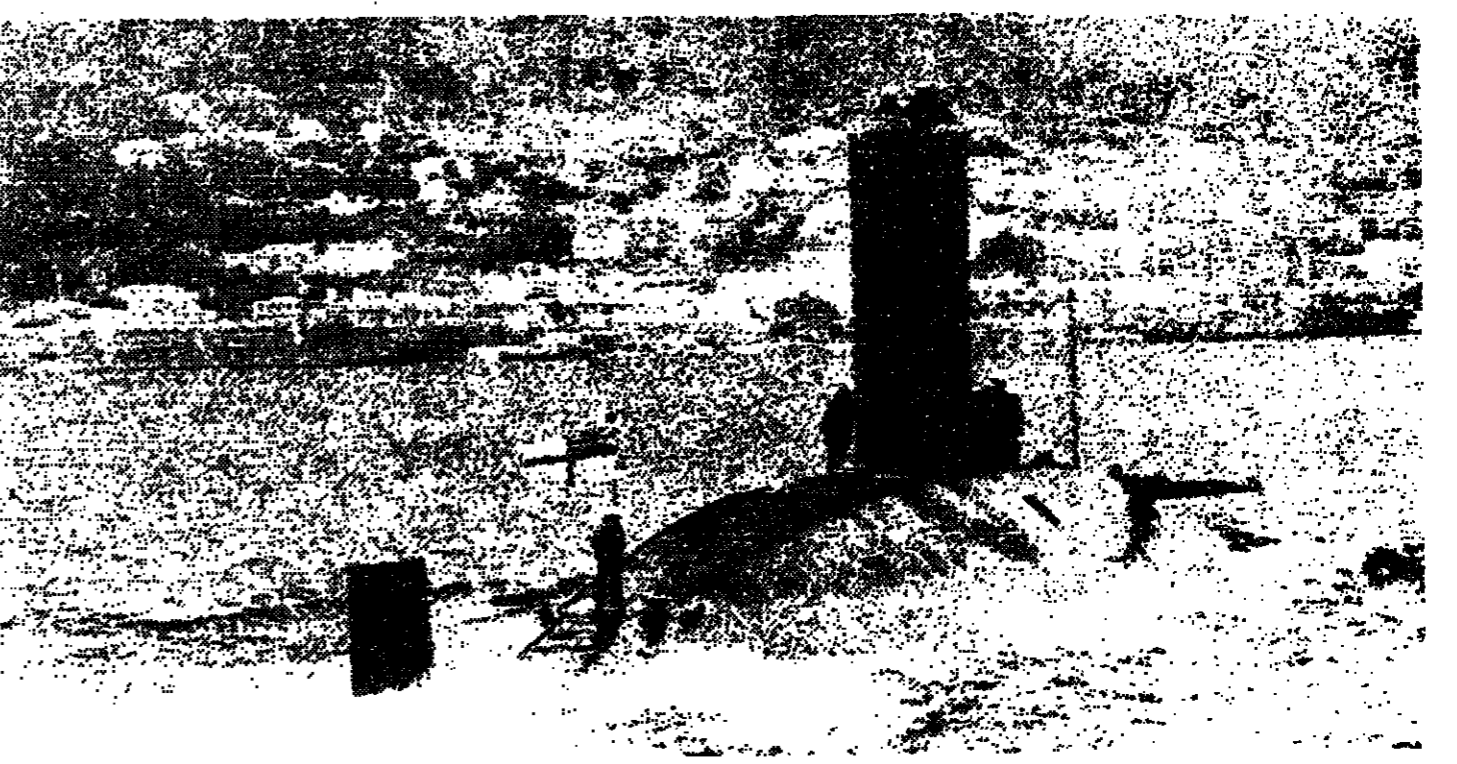
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The nuclear submarine Warspite, one of 11 British warships on a visit to South Africa, moves into Simonstown harbour.

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HOME NEWS

Clash between unions expected over social contract views

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Fresh strains on the social contract will come into the open at a meeting later this week of unions in the electricity supply industry. Leaders of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union have endorsed a rank-and-file demand that the industry's Phase Three deal should be reopened four months before it is due to expire, to allow negotiations on a new agreement covering 106,000 electricity supply workers.

would meet Mr Wilson today, the leaders of the biggest Civil Service union was explaining in his union journal why the social contract could not be supported. Mr William Kendall, general secretary of the 215,000 member Civil and Public Services Association, writes in Red Tape: "It is quite clear that if the CPSA were to act in accordance with the detailed recommendations of the TUC General Council for operating the social contract, it would not be possible to carry out the firm mandates of our conference; nor would it be possible for the CPSA leadership at this stage to give a firm assurance to members that even the present unsatisfactory level of real incomes could be maintained."

Cabinet to decide on priorities today

By Our Political Correspondent

The Government's priorities for legislation in the new Parliament will be discussed at the first meeting of the Cabinet since the general election, to be held at 10 Downing St. today. It is expected that Mr Short, Leader of the House of Commons, and chairman of the legislative committee of the Cabinet, will report on the state of drafting of the first Bills. Labour leaders indicated during the election that one of the first measures would be a Bill to bring development land into public ownership. The proposal has been welcomed by many local councils, and Mr Mellish, the Government Chief Whip, has claimed that they include Conservative, as well as Labour-controlled authorities.

Election of new 1922 executive is expected before the holding of a ballot on the leadership Warning by Heath supporters against rush decision

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Some of Mr Heath's supporters yesterday were reminding his political opponents within the Conservative Party that, by trying to rush him into a decision about the leadership, they seem to be ignoring the changed method of choosing the party leader. In February, 1965, on the initiative of Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the party decided to put aside the old method of finding a leader by a process of consultation, which the late Mr Iain Macleod called selection by "a magic circle". Instead, they adopted a process of democratic election set out in the document "Procedure for the Selection of the Leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party". It is only fair to acknowledge that, earlier, Mr Humphrey Berkeley, then Conservative MP for Lancaster, had run a campaign for the election rather than the "emergence" of a leader. He has since left the Conservative Party, and stood unsuccessfully for Labour at North Fyde on October 10.



Leaving the London home of Mr Edward du Cann yesterday after a meeting of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, of which he is chairman, are, from the left, Mr Geoffrey Finsberg and Mr John Osborn.

1965, when he announced that "the time was right to hand over the leadership to another", talked about the need to strengthen the organization of the Conservative Party and eliminate its weaknesses. He was satisfied that that was being done, he said by the current chairman of the party—Mr du Cann, who was later dismissed from that office by Mr Heath. Looking ahead to the first election of a Conservative leader, Sir Alec said: "I have asked our chairman [of the 1922 Committee] Sir William Anstruther-Gray, to set in motion the new procedures. I myself set up the machinery for this change and I myself have chosen the time to use it. It is up to you to see that the election is completed swiftly and efficiently, and with dignity and calm."



Mr du Cann: key position.

not be published and will be confidential to the scrutineers." Nominations close 24 hours before the ballot, and the rules allow for two or three ballots because of the majority requirements. For a candidate to win in the first ballot, he or she must (1) receive an overall majority and (2) receive 15 per cent more of the votes cast than any other candidate. If no candidate scores that number of votes, the 276 Conservative MPs will have to attend in Committee Room 14 at the Commons at a later date for a second ballot. Since Mr Heath was elected

on July 27, 1965, about half of that "electorate" has changed; retirements alone account for 98 changes. Thus the political make-up of the party and the make-up of candidates would make an election in a few weeks' time an illuminating test of the new Conservative alignments. The rules state: "The second ballot will be held not less than two days and not more than four days after the first ballot, excluding Saturdays and Sundays. Nominations for the first ballot will be void, and new nominations, under the same procedure as for the first ballot, will be submitted for the original candidates if required and for any other candidate."

will proceed to add the number of first preference votes received by each candidate, eliminate the candidate with the lowest number of first preference votes, and redistribute the votes of those giving him their first preference amongst the two remaining candidates in accordance with their second preference. The result of this final count will be an overall majority for one candidate, and he will be elected."

Police investigate Southend council

Mr Frederick Laws, Town Clerk of Southend, Essex, disclosed yesterday that the police investigation had started into an alleged non-fraudulent irregularity concerning council affairs. He declined to give details. A police officer confirmed that an investigation was being conducted by Mr John Duke, Deputy Chief Constable of Essex.

Mr Heath under increasing pressure to decide his position on resignation

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The Monday Club, whose chairman is Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest, issued the following statement after a meeting of the club's executive: "We believe that the result of the general election indicates clearly that the public does not like consensus politics, and we look forward to new leadership which has not been too closely associated with recent failure."

Sir Christopher waits: Sir Christopher Soames, Vice-President of the EEC Commission, who has been mentioned as a possible successor to Mr Heath said at a meeting in London yesterday that he did not want to be the commission until Britain had completed renegotiation of its EEC terms. "I have a job to do here," he said. "We have to see negotiations through. I should not want to leave until I have done that."

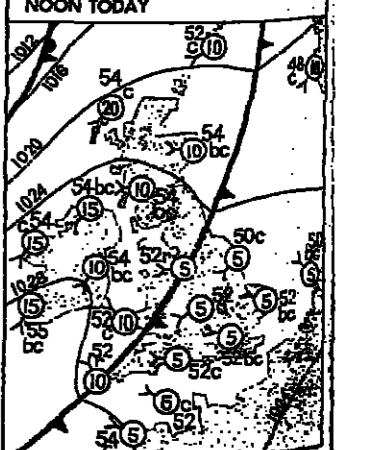
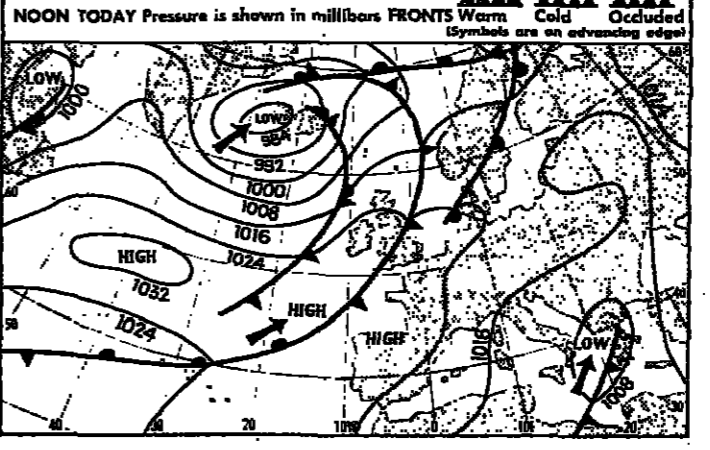
Parcel services disrupted by walk out

A walkout by men who collect and sort parcels at the Western district office in London yesterday halted parcel services in the W1 area. Parcel sorters and drivers stopped work in protest at the disruption of their canteen facilities after men from the letter sorting section had held a meeting in the canteen.

A spokesman for the London Postal Region said: "There has been simmering dissatisfaction for some time among Western district office staff over the continual disruption of canteen facilities by letter-section men holding snap meetings in the canteen."

The walkout was the culmination of the dissatisfaction. The Post Office offered an alternative meeting place within the building yesterday morning, but the offer was rejected. Some parcel men returned to work in the afternoon and normal working is expected to be resumed today.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises: 7.24 am Sun sets: 6.3 pm Moon rises: 7.25 am Moon sets: 5.42 pm New Moon: 1.25 pm Lighting up: 6.38 pm to 6.56 am High water: London Bridge, 2.6 am, 7.3m (24.1ft); 2.23 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft); Avonmouth, 7.41 am, 13.7m (45.0ft); 7.39 pm, 13.9m (45.6ft); Dover, 11.28 am, 7.0m (22.1ft); 11.54 pm, 6.9m (22.5ft); Hull, 6.18 am, 7.8m (25.6ft); 6.52 pm, 7.6m (24.9ft); Liverpool, 11.41 am, 9.1m (30.0ft); 11.59 pm, 9.2m (30.3ft).

Thursday: Occasional rain in SE and W, sunny intervals; dry in SE, sunny periods in afternoon, fog and frost at night; temp near or below normal. Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind variable, light; sea smooth or slight. English Channel (E): Wind variable, light; sea smooth or slight. St George's Channel: Wind W, light, occasionally moderate; sea slight. Irish Sea: Wind variable, light, becoming W, light or moderate; sea slight.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

Amsterdam	11	50	Gothenburg	4	48	Lisbon	17	57	Naples	11	70
Birmingham	10	52	London	12	52	London	12	52	New York	11	70
Bristol	10	52	Manchester	12	52	Luxemburg	15	57	Nice	15	61
Cardiff	10	52	Nottingham	12	52	Madrid	15	57	Paris	15	61
Edinburgh	10	52	Sheffield	12	52	Moscow	15	57	Rome	15	61
Glasgow	10	52	Southampton	12	52	Prague	15	57	Stockholm	11	64
Harrogate	10	52	Wolverhampton	12	52	Warsaw	15	57	Toronto	11	64
Hull	10	52	York	12	52	Vienna	15	57	Zurich	11	64
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HOME NEWS

£4.5m British space observatory to be launched today

By Pearce Wright Science Correspondent
UK-5, an X-ray astronomy satellite designed and built in Britain at a cost of £4.5m, is due to be launched into orbit on board an American rocket this morning.

The prisoner who found that painting did pay

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter
James Barrington Gilbert, aged 41 and 6ft 5in tall, received his first prison sentence in 1958: five years for robbery with aggravation.



James Gilbert with some of the works at his latest one-man show.

Abortion questions to GPs termed 'sinister'

A regional health authority was accused last night of "Big Brother" tactics over a questionnaire on abortion. It is expected to be distributed against gynaecologists opposed to a liberal abortion policy.

Battered baby crisis in Sussex

From Our Correspondent Brighton
A rise in the number of battered baby cases is causing a crisis in the social services department which was supervising Maria Colwell when she was battered to death by her stepfather.

Coal board faces rush of pneumoconiosis claims

From Our Correspondent Swansea, Oct 14
Scores of people have been calling at the homes of local officials of the National Union of Mineworkers in South Wales to claim non-taxable sums of up to £10,000.

Trial of former mayor is moved to Leeds

The trial of Sydney Jacob Hepworth, a former mayor of Southampton, on corruption and conspiracy charges is to be transferred to Leeds. It was decided at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday.

"The Convict" but very few are on prison life. "Now I'm out I shall start doing a few 'nick' paintings," he says. He enjoyed his one-man show yesterday, having missed the first two for obvious reasons.

Skill of Brixton escapers was worthy of a better cause, Recorder says

Skill used in a mass breakout from Brixton prison last year was worthy of a better cause, Sir Carl Aarvold, the Recorder said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. On Friday, four of the 14 escapers who pleaded guilty to breaking out of the prison were given sentences to add to those already being served for robbery.

Man accused of trying to kill police officers

A man charged with killing Police Constable John Schofield was also accused yesterday of trying to murder two other policemen. In all, Egon von Bulow, aged 28, an unemployed electrician, faced 17 extra charges when he appeared at Oxted Magistrates' Court, Surrey.

Arab prince who crashed Lamborghini fined £200

A Saudi Arabian prince was fined £200 at Canterbury Crown Court yesterday after he had admitted crashing his Lamborghini car while trying to pass another driver. His car hit a lamp post, split in two and demolished a gateway, the court was told.

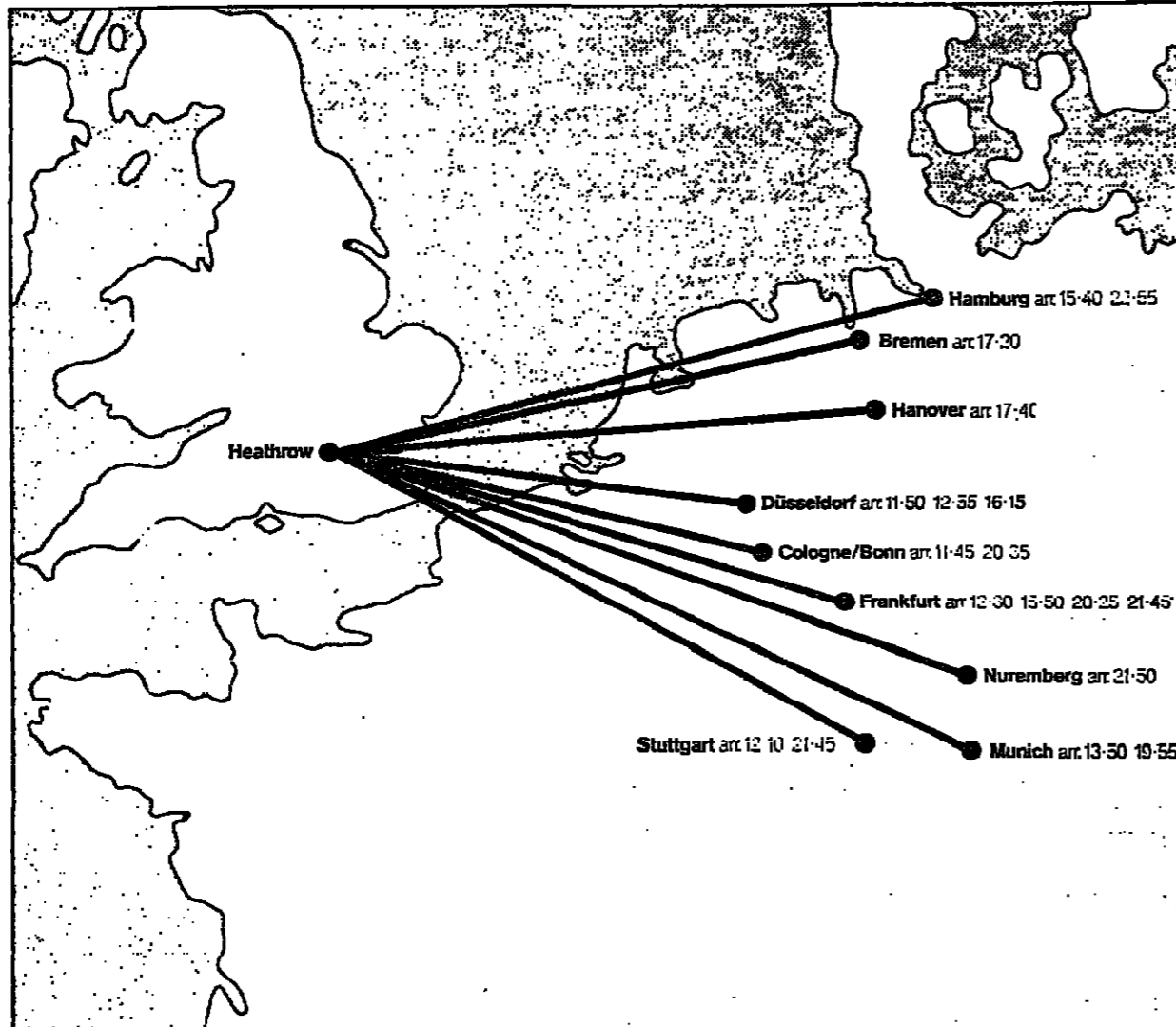
Nine in court after Carib Club incident

Nine men appeared at Hendon Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, charged with making an affray at Cricklewood Lane on Saturday. They were remanded on £750 bail each until December 13.

Job agency chief remanded on £70,000 bail

Ronald Carr, managing director of a building labour agency in Portland Road, South Norwood, London, was remanded on bail totalling £70,000 until November 11 when he appeared on remand at Bow Street Magistrates' Court.

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HOME NEWS

Only Lord Nelson safe as salvos of invective fly in battle over redeveloping Trafalgar Square

Philip Howard... the battle of Trafalgar... are opened yesterday over proposals to redevelop the east corner of London's... at tourist landmark and... meeting-place.



An impression of the south-east corner of Trafalgar Square after rebuilding.

In its litany of complaint, the counter-exhibition says: "Although it might appear that the National Gallery exhibition is in some way official, it is in fact purely a propaganda exercise mounted on behalf of two of the richest property companies in Britain."

rather than "causing the destruction of useful and sound buildings". One of the organizers of the counter-exhibition collecting signatures for a petition, said: "We don't like the proposals for the site and we don't like the way they have been presented."

Man who kidnapped policeman at gunpoint jailed for life

Barry Robinson, aged 33, the man who kidnapped a policeman at Congleton, Cheshire, at gunpoint and took hostage two motorists, was sentenced at Chester Crown Court yesterday to life imprisonment.

Mr Robinson raised the revolver and aimed it at him with a two-handed grip. Mr Hooson added that PC Wright's statement said: "I heard the distinct click consistent with the weapon's having had the trigger pulled. Robinson lowered the revolver and said 'Lucky bastard', the safety catch was on."

At Stockton Mr Robinson ordered the three men to break down a barn door. PC Wright was told to tie up the others. Nothing more was heard of Mr Robinson until August 6 when he ordered a policeman to drive him from Buxton to Blackpool, where he gave himself up.

son's whole life was a melancholy story. He was sent to an approved school at an early age. He had a cruel father; and on one occasion he was punished by having his hand put on a red-hot electric plate.

Mr Carman said none of the events displayed ruthlessness, or utter callousness for the welfare and safety of fellow human beings. Mr Robinson had repeatedly broken the law but was capable of kindness, affection and hard work.

Armed offences led to call for a review of releases

While Barry Robinson was on the run last August after kidnapping a policeman and two motorists, Mr Nicholas Winterston, Conservative MP for Maclesfield, called on the Home Secretary to review the procedures for the early release of patients and for a committee to inquire into the release of dangerous offenders from top security establishments.

When he reached Broadmoor, Mr Robinson found new talent. At the urging of his mother, he took up painting. Such was his natural ability that prison officials and his family were amazed.

rehabilitated and fit to take his place in society. He continued to paint and within a year held an exhibition at Thornton Art Centre, near Blackpool. He included in his exhibition expert copies of masterpieces, including Leonardo's "Mona Lisa".

Some of his paintings were produced in court. He was put on probation for three years, but within six months he was back in trouble. At Preston Crown Court he admitted handling stolen goods and being in breach of the probation order.

The defence counsel told the court that if Mr Robinson was allowed to keep his liberty he could go to Belle Vue in Manchester to take up a £200 offer to paint murals.

'Chanced detaining girl' in M62 trial

police dog-handler said today that he detained Miss Ward, aged 25, who is charged in the M62 army coach trial, because he knew she was something wrong, nothing could not decide.

backed notebook with the words "Provos unite IRA" on the outside. Asked by Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, for defence of Miss Ward, what she was being detained for, PC Barnes replied: "I wasn't quite sure."

couple's cabaret in Dublin as indecent

award-winning cabaret troupers from Leeds pleaded guilty in the Central Circuit Court in Dublin yesterday to charges of indecency.

£4,000 award to model who refused £5,000

Mrs Patricia Page, aged 30, a former model, scarred in a car crash, was awarded £4,000 damages in the High Court yesterday. But because she had earlier refused a £5,000 settlement offer, she will have to pay most of her costs.

Court of Appeal cuts bomb case men's jail sentences

young men jailed after being incidents last year won reductions in their jail sentences in the Court of Appeal today.

to draw attention to the ills of the world. Lord Justice James, sitting with Mr Justice Shaw and Mr Justice Michael Davies, outlined the incidents which occurred in July and August last year.

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HOME NEWS

Nationalist MPs seek Scots assembly within two years

From Our Correspondent Edinburgh A call for a "gut-edged" government commitment to set up a Scottish assembly was made yesterday by the 11 Scottish National Party MPs. A statement issued at a press conference in Edinburgh after a meeting of the SNP MPs and party officials...

Ford and unions clear two obstacles in pay talks

By Raymond Perman Two obstacles in the way of a settlement of the £63m pay offer made by Ford to 53,000 manual workers were removed at resumed talks yesterday. The unions and the company made concessions. The contentious issue of "utility men"...

Mr Wilson makes a plea for a truly United Kingdom

The following is the text of Mr Wilson's prime ministerial broadcast to the nation on television last night. The election is over. You have made your decision through the ballot box. And next week the Parliament you have elected meets at Westminster.



Princess Anne arriving at the Savoy Hotel, London, last night for the Province of Nova Scotia dinner.

Fisherman 'fired at coaster in anger'

A fisherman who fired at a coaster with a rifle used to shoot seals did so in anger and not in fear, after it had sheared his nets, Mr David Robson, for the prosecution, said at Newcastle Crown Court yesterday. Alan George Brown, aged 20, of Leazes Street, Amble, Northumberland, pleads not guilty to causing grievous bodily harm to a Portuguese seaman in a Dutch coaster, the John V, of Rotterdam.

WEST EUROPE

French workers win agreement for year's pay on redundancy

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Oct 14 Frenchmen who suffer unemployment for economic reasons will get their pay for a year afterwards under an agreement signed today between the CNPF, the French employers' federation, and all the trade union organizations, including the largest, the communist-led CGT.

Finland to sign energy pact with Soviet Union

From Our Correspondent Helsinki, Oct 14 President Podgorny of the Soviet Union arrived today for a four-day official visit, during which he will join in festivities commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the Soviet-Finnish armistice agreement. He will also sign an agreement on energy cooperation during the 1980s.

Professor wins Italian prize

Rome, Oct 14—Professor Cecil Grayson of Oxford University has become the Englishman to win the annual Leo XIII (£600) international Galileo Galilei prize for outstanding scholarship in Italian studies by a non-Italian.

Bordeaux wine crop

Bordeaux, Oct 14—The deaux wine crop this year appears to be well down on time but quality is likely to be satisfactory, the Bordeaux Wine Council reports.



Rees plea for public help over shootings

From Robert Fisk Dublin On his first day back in Northern Ireland as Secretary of State after the election, Mr Rees yesterday appealed to the public to come forward with any scrap of information about the latest and increasingly savage wave of sectarian shootings in Belfast.

Fatigue ruins Bellin's bid for chess prize

By a Chess Correspondent A combination of stubborn resistance by his opponent, G. H. Bennett, and fatigue after a long day's chess deprived R. Bellin of a prize in the Barnstaple open chess tournament at Woolcombe over the weekend.

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WEST EUROPE

Senator Fanfani tries his hand at forming new Italian Cabinet

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Oct 14. Senator Amintore Fanfani, Secretary of the Christian Democratic Party, today agreed to try his hand at forming a government. If he succeeds, the administration will be his and the country's thirty-ninth since the fall of the fascist regime.



Signor Amintore Fanfani: Not an unconditional 'Yes'.

He accepted President's invitation with the usual conditions: that he would look to the prospects of an administration of his choice, and after consultation with other party leaders would decide whether or not to give an affirmative reply. It would be nothing new for Senator Fanfani to have to fail. He has done so several occasions in the past. On one occasion he accepted a prime ministership but was forced to resign within the month.

entrusted with the task of forming a government at this particular moment. In a statement he pointed out that the parties concerned were all in favour of another coalition, but they did not agree on how the country's problems should be tackled.

It might be added that the notable degree of support for Senator Fanfani's attempt from other parties, as well as from within the Christian Democratic ranks, is not altogether a reassuring spectacle. It has been noted that politicians enjoy seeing a powerful figure put to the extremely dangerous test of trying to govern at this particular moment in which the country is faced with many crises, not all of which are of a strictly political or economic nature.

The senator's outstanding gift, despite his 66 years, is his vigour, and his presence at the head of a government could at least be expected to invigorate the conduct of state affairs, though to what end remains to be seen.

Realistic radio programme aimed at highlighting danger facing church starts telephone panic

Cathedral 'collapse' deceives Cologne

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, Oct 14. Thousands of telephone callers jammed the switchboards of emergency services, newspapers and broadcasting stations yesterday after hearing a radio programme describing the collapse of Cologne Cathedral.

Those tuned into the city's main transmitter after 4.30 pm understandably thought that the south face of West Germany's most famous church, and one of the finest and largest Gothic structures in the world, had fallen down, killing two and seriously injuring six passers-by. Listeners heard how police and firemen were simultaneously trying to rescue those buried in the rubble and to keep control of panic-stricken crowds.

Hamburg offering money towards restoration and an elderly woman who complained that another radio station was putting out pop music regardless of the "tragedy". Although the cathedral remains as splendidly intact today as it was yesterday, the programme was not on the lines of the immortal broadcast produced by Orson Welles before the war. His version of The War of the Worlds led countless Americans to believe that there had been an invasion from outer space, and led to a mass panic. The programme magazines stated quite clearly that the broadcast, called Incident, was a "fictitious reportage", and it was introduced as such by the announcer. But those who switched on after the programme had begun had to wait

to the end to be told that "nothing has happened to the cathedral". By that time, many listeners were on the telephone. The purpose of the 30-minute broadcast was to illustrate graphically the dangers threatening the great church as a result of environmental pollution. Like St Paul's in London during the blitz, Cologne Cathedral survived severe bombing attacks with relatively minor damage, while the area round it was flattened. But over the years, polluted air has been eating away at the magnificent stonework, as well as weather. In 1956, work began on a restoration programme which is to go on until the end of the century. Repairs and restorations are now costing over £400,000 a year.

Explosion at world's largest refinery

From Our Correspondent The Hague, Oct 14. Fire workers were seriously injured at the Shell plant at Pernis, the largest refinery complex in the world, in an explosion and fire which burnt out the isoprene rubber plant there.

The fire at the plant, which had a capacity of 70,000 tonnes a year, started when gas exploded while a tank was being filled. The combined Europort chemical factory and refinery fire brigades and the Rotterdam fire brigade took one and a half hours to contain the fire and avert a danger that it might spread.

The fire brigades decided to allow the fire to burn itself out while protecting the surrounding installations and storage tanks. A Shell spokesman said this is the usual practice with refinery fires, as extinguishing the fire gives rise to yet more danger.

Damage is estimated at about 10m guilders (£1,500,000) and the time required to rebuild the plant at five months. Seven other employees who were injured were allowed to return home after treatment.

French Socialists put off Left Union talk

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 14

The growing suspicion of the Communists towards the Socialists, which had been simmering throughout last week, was not appeased by Mitterrand's renewed profession of loyalty to the Union of the Left at the Socialist congress at the weekend.

The mere fact that the congress was held, and that the Socialist leader again proclaimed his ambition of creating a big socialist party through the union of all the dispersed members of the socialist family, including those of the leftist brand represented by M Michel Rocard, of the Parti Socialiste Unifié, has, if anything, increased that suspicion.

Now fuel has been added to the flames by the decision of the Socialist Party to call off a meeting of the liaison committee of the Union of the Left which was due to take place tomorrow.

The Socialist Party regrets the groundless imputations levelled against it by the leaders of the Communist Party and rejects them firmly. It considers that a discussion has become essential on this subject between the signatories of the common programme of the left, and must precede the meeting arranged for October 15, which should be postponed, the Socialist statement said.

The liaison committee is a permanent organ of the three parties which compose the Union of the Left. It meets about once a month on average at the level of their secretaries to examine "current affairs".

It can meet at the summit, if required, with the participation of the leaders of each party. This was to have been the case tomorrow.

The postponement does not prevent a meeting later this week at a lower level, as suggested by the Socialist Party. M Georges Marchais, the secretary-general of the Communist Party, has reacted sharply. "I regret this decision," he told a press conference this afternoon, "but we shall not give way to blackmail. One must not play on words."

"I met Francois Mitterrand three weeks ago to propose to him an early meeting in order to draw up a plan on the basis of the proposals he made at his press conference (on ways of fighting inflation), and a series of common actions which would be made public at about 10 public meetings in towns like Lille, Marseilles, Bordeaux and Paris."

Mitterrand had approved the common action, but was reserved about the meeting. And 10 days ago M Paul Laurent, a member of the Communist political bureau, had sent the Socialist Party a letter calling for an early meeting to set up this common action.

The suspicion of the Communists towards the Socialists was inevitable from the time when the Union of the Left showed increasing signs of benefiting the allies of the Communists to their own detriment: and of making Mitterrand's attempt to turn his party into the main Opposition force, appear quite plausible in the long run.

Turkey not eager to rush into membership of EEC

From Our Own Correspondent Luxembourg, Oct 14

Mr Turan Guner, the Turkish Foreign Minister, today told the council of the EEC-Turkey association agreement that Turkey does not share Greece's urgency about becoming a full member of the EEC.

He told the council that Turkey remained determined to achieve the goal of the association agreement, which was full membership by 1986. But the

economic and political aspects were inseparable, and on the economic front realism must prevail.

Turkey's industrialization campaign had been successful. But the industries were in their infancy and needed protection.

M Jean Sauvagnargues, the French Foreign Minister, cited some remarkable statistics to show the benefits of the association's phased progress towards free trade.

Banknotes' smell lands two in jail

Reggio Emilia, Oct 14.—Banknotes smelling of sheep's cheese have landed two Sardinian shepherds in jail on kidnapping charges, Italian police said today.

Police had been looking for the two men since a 250 million lire (£175,000) ransom was paid for the release of a kidnapped San Marino doctor and his daughter in June last year.

The serial numbers of the notes, banked in northern Italy, matched those of the ransom money.—Reuter.

French actors march

Paris, Oct 14.—About 3,000 actors from throughout France paraded today in a demand for increased subsidies for the theatre.—Reuter.

Danger of 'fatal delays' in tackling world problems

Berlin, Oct 14.—A report of the "Club of Rome", which is being read here, would help politicians to make long-term decisions concerning present world problems, Dr Aurelio Peccei, Italian chairman, said yesterday. He presented the report at a press conference. Its co-authors, Professor Salvo Mesarovic, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Professor Jay D. Foray, of Haver University, call the report Mankind at the Turning Point.

The study was designed to show concrete options to narrow the gap between the industrialized nations and the developing world. It concentrates on such subjects as the energy crisis, population growth and food shortage.

Professor Peccei told journalists that the new study emphasizes the interdependence of economy, ecology, education and other social factors, and attempts to "convince convincingly that delays in tackling the world's problems can be fatal".

Dr Peccei, a former director of Italy's Fiat concern, said: "We hope to stir up politicians at the decision-making level and initiate a debate at large."—Reuter

Concorde test flights to link Alaska and Peru

Paris, Oct 14.—The Anglo-French supersonic airliner Concorde will link the North South American Pacific routes from Alaska to Peru in a series of test flights next week, builders announced here.

The Concorde, which has already made several round-the-world trips during its present programme, will take off from London on Sunday for Mexico City. In the course of the next week the airliner will visit Anchorage, Alaska, Los Angeles, Mexico resort of Acapulco, Bogota and Bogota before flying to Paris via Caracas and Palmas.—Reuter.

Niarchos death by suicide is denied

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 14

The secretary of Mr Stavros Niarchos, the shipping magnate, whose wife was found dead at her Paris residence last Thursday, issued a statement today denying a report in an English newspaper that she had tried to commit suicide in London a few weeks ago.

The statement said that Madame Tina Niarchos, who was in London from August 17 to 24, had rushed to the bedside of her daughter, Christina, after she had taken a massive dose of sleeping pills and was being treated at the Middlesex Hospital.

Parliament October 14

Proposal to deal with fall in pork prices approved

European Parliament, Luxembourg. The parliament approved a motion to set up a committee on agriculture to study the Commission's proposal for dealing with the fall in pigmeat prices. The proposal would enable the Commission to take measures to be taken when there is a considerable fall in prices, tending to disturb the market. It could possibly be applied in a number of ways: to measures taken in the beef and veal sector, including at reduced prices to certain groups; to measures taken in the pigmeat sector; to measures taken in the pigmeat sector; to measures taken in the pigmeat sector.

much scope for expansion but in the three new members, the United Kingdom, Denmark and Ireland, the Community could expect to see a considerable drop in production in the next 12 months. FRAY ELIZABETH ORTH (Germany, Soc. Dem.) said she was worried that even if a pledge was received from the Commission that pigmeat would be available to socially deprived groups at cheaper prices, in the meantime some would go outside the Community, as beef had gone outside, particularly to Russia. MR LARDINOIS would not commit himself completely, but said that in 1974 much more beef had been imported from Eastern Europe at world prices than the Community had exported.

Mr Kirk objects to hurried debate on loan

MR PETER KIRK (United Kingdom, Saffron Walden, C) on behalf of the Conservative group, protested about a request from the Labour government to consider this week a proposal for a Community loan. He said it seemed monstrous that the parliament should suddenly receive a document from the government on a matter of such high political importance, the contents of which were unknown, without having proper time to consider it. The proposal was reported to be pushed around in this way by the Labour government, which he said they might as well shut up shop. Mr Kirk's attempt to have the matter deferred was rejected and it will be debated on Friday.

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OVERSEAS

Over 300 arrested for voting offences as Kenya goes to polls

Nairobi, Oct 14.—More than 300 people were arrested throughout Kenya today for voting offences as the country prepared to elect its second Parliament since independence. Most of the arrests were of people allegedly impersonating others at polling stations, or for voting twice. There were 19 arrests in Nairobi and the rest were spread throughout the country's 4,000 polling stations, 90 of them at Kisumu in the Nyanza province in eastern Kenya. The only serious violence reported was in the neighbourhood of Busia district, on the Sudan border, where several people—including Mr Arthur Kwana, Assistant Minister for Natural Resources—were taken to hospital after fighting broke out near a polling station and police and troops had to be sent in. Mr Ochwada, who was defending his seat in central Kenya constituency, had an injured right hand. Police and members of the Military General Service Corps (MGSC) had a difficult time storing order and several cars d windcreens broken and other vehicles were damaged. With today declared a public holiday and all bars and nightclubs closed, voting was hurried heavy in the Nairobi suburban seat Langata, Mr Philip Leakey, only white Kenyan stand-in the election, complained the provincial commissioner a large number of names were missing from the register one polling station. People turning up with valid voters cards but were not able to because their names were listed, he said. It staked a 158 seats in the Assembly, being ght by some 740 candidates, representing the ruling y African National Union (U), the country's only tical party since 1969. part from President Jomo gatta, Vice-President el Arap Moi and a small

Exchange of Cyprus prisoners to resume

From Our Correspondent Nicosia, Oct 14 The leaders of the two Cyprus communities agreed today to resume the exchange of prisoners of war and detainees near Friday after a three-week break. The agreement was reached during the weekly meeting of acting President Glafcos Clerides and Mr Raul Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader and deputy President, to discuss humanitarian issues. The exchange of prisoners of war ended abruptly on September 26 after the release of 1,946 prisoners out of the total of 5,298 (2,169 Greek and 3,129 Turkish Cypriots) held captive at the end of the fighting. Mr Denktash told journalists that the interruption was due to technical difficulties connected with the return to the island of Greek Cypriot prisoners held in camps on the Turkish mainland. A spokesman of the United Nations peace force said that the two island leaders also made progress in making arrangements for the return to their homes of people stranded in areas controlled by the other side. Tomorrow 110 Greek and Turkish nationals will be allowed to return to their homes. The United Nations spokesman announced that the International Red Cross resumed its search today for missing Greek Cypriots "hiding in various areas of the north", the part of the island under Turkish military occupation. The search was resumed in agreement with the Turkish Army, the spokesman said. Melbourne, Oct 14.—The Australian Government is trying to arrange for 2,000 Cypriot girls, refugees from the fighting on the island, to emigrate to Australia. Mr Clyde Cameron, the Labour and Immigration Minister, said today. He said the girls, all aged between 12 and 20, were living in the hill country of Cyprus because they feared being raped if they remained in their villages.—Reuter.



Ethiopian women who fought in the underground against the Italians in the occupation of 1936-41 take part in a Victory Day parade in Addis Ababa.

In brief

Wandering ends for nuclear ship

Tokyo, Oct 14.—The Mutsu, Japan's first nuclear-powered ship will return to her home port tomorrow after six weeks' aimless drifting in the northern Pacific. The 8,350-ton vessel sprung radioactive leaks during sea trials. Japanese fishermen, who have been objecting to the ship's return on the grounds that nuclear waste could contaminate their catch, today her to berth in her home port of Mutsu. While in port, the Mutsu's nuclear reactor room will remain sealed.

Pessimists attacked

Melbourne, Oct 14.—A scathing attack on the "pessimism and press prophets of doom and disaster" was made by Gough Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister today at the opening of the federal conference of Workers' Union.

Return of religion

Rome, Oct 14.—A Hungarian archbishop today told the world synod of Roman Catholic bishops that the Hungarian Government has decided to allow children to be given religious lessons in churches and other religious places.

Refugee aid medal

Geneva, Oct 14.—The Nobel Medal was presented today to the Right Rev Helmut Frey, of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Chile, in recognition of his aid to refugees in Chile after the September 1973 coup.

Film men's protest

Moscow, Oct 14.—Two Soviet Jewish film makers, a screenwriter and a cameraman are going on an 11-day hunger strike to protest against their "living conditions" since they applied to emigrate to Israel.

Earthquake appeal

Georgetown, Guyana, Oct 14.—Antigua has asked Britain for emergency help in housing prisoners and homeless families after last week's earthquake.

Plan to partition SW Africa comes under fire

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Oct 14 The plan to partition South-West Africa into one white and several black independent and semi-independent states is believed to have landed Mr Jannie de Wet, the Commissioner General for the Indigenous Peoples of South-West Africa, in political hot water. He was believed to be having talks in Cape Town today with leaders of the Nationalist Party in South West Africa. Newspaper reports at the weekend disclosed details of Mr de Wet's plan, which he insisted was drawn up in his personal capacity and not as Pretoria's chief representative in the disputed territory. It aims to set up a confederation of black states and one white state in South-West Africa, with the whites (90,000 or 12 per cent of the population) retaining the economic reins. Mr Japie Basson, chief foreign affairs spokesman for the opposition United Party, said today that Mr de Wet's partition plan might cause black leaders in South-West Africa to refuse to take part in further discussions on the territory's future. Mr Basson added that he sharply questioned the capacity in which Mr de Wet spoke, especially in the light of a statement by Mr Dirk Mudge, the Nationalist Party leader in South-West Africa, that "all doors are open" in discussions. "Mr de Wet cannot speak for himself. He is an official of the Government and in that capacity can only speak for the Government," the United Party spokesman declared. Observers interpret Mr de Wet's plan as cutting across the Nationalist Party's intention to seek a general agreement in South-West Africa about the best route to a form of self-rule. Mr Mudge has been involved for the past week in delicate talks with black leaders in the territory to find a formula for political participation in constitutional negotiations.

Currency charges admitted by former bank official

From Our Correspondent Salisbury, Oct 14 Kenneth James Cameron, a British-born former bank official, admitted in Salisbury High Court today charges involving more than 500,000 Rhodesian dollars (US\$380,000), of breaking country's exchange regulations. At the same time, he pleaded not guilty to ravaging the Official Secret. The last charge arises from publication in The Sunday Express earlier this year of sanction-breaking information. He is already serving a five-year jail sentence for breaking the emergency powers regulations. The court went into closed session after 63 minutes. Mr Bresson Treacy, QC, the director of public prosecutions, handed in a certificate from Desmond Lardner-Burke, the Rhodesian Minister of Justice, issued under the emergency powers ruling that most of the hearing should be in camera on the ground that it would not be in the state's interest to disclose trading practices aimed at beating sanctions.

Former premier to abstain in Greek elections

From Our Correspondent Athens, Oct 14 Mr Panayotis Kanellopoulos, the Prime Minister who was overthrown by the Greek colonels' coup in 1967, said today he would not take part in the November 17 general elections because he wished to remain outside the ranks of any single political party. The veteran conservative politician said he found his constituency "in circles much broader than those of any one of two political sectors", among those who gave him their recognition and confidence "during the seven years of tyranny". Mr Kanellopoulos, who remained in Greece during the military dictatorship and was often under arrest for his criticism of the military regime, was with Mr Constantine Karamanlis, a leader of the pre-coup ERE party. Mr Kanellopoulos's statement was interpreted as an indication that he would be willing to become a candidate for the presidency of Greece, in the not unlikely case that the post-electoral referendum decides in favour of a republic, rather than the restoration of the monarchy.

Handwritten ledger with columns for dates (21 Jan, 22 Jan, 23 Jan), descriptions (High Ridge School, of Deposit Account, Int. on £500. Aquilla Engineering Co. Ltd.), and monetary values (£179.5-, £600.--, £13.1.-, £245.16.28, £354.3.10, £367.4.10). Below the ledger is a printed table with columns for date, description, and amounts.

Bengal short of food

From Our Correspondent Calcutta, Oct 14 Bengal's traditional fast-food festival, called Pujah, is tomorrow amid one of the worst food crises the state has known. There are some of festive gaiety among the more prosperous townships, but most of the rural areas are plunged in unrelenting gloom. A big protest demonstration paralysed traffic in Calcutta today. The state Government has spent 150m rupees (about £8.4m) in its biggest relief operation since independence. This will have to be continued at least until the middle of next month, when the main rice crop will be harvested; but the Government's resources already have been strained to the utmost. There is no hope of financial assistance from Delhi.

5 hurt in bombing of Tokyo firm

From Our Correspondent Tokyo, Oct 14 Terrorists struck at another Japanese firm today as a time bomb exploded in the head office of the powerful trading house in central Tokyo, injuring 16 people, including five policemen. The blast ripped windows out of the third floor of the office building. The outrage came, almost seven weeks after eight people were killed and another 330 injured by a powerful bomb at the head office of another important business house, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, on August 30. A police spokesman said there was no direct evidence to connect the two explosions at present, but he pointed out that the two firms, which together with four other trading houses, virtually control the economy, have been the targets of attacks by radical students in the past.

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MPs march to Thieu palace in Saigon protest

Saigon, Oct 14.—Twenty-two National Assembly members, most of them normally cooperative towards the Government, today joined in the growing political ferment in South Vietnam by marching to the presidential palace to air complaints to President Thieu. They told reporters they wanted to tell him of the people's complaints over corruption and restrictions, as well as their own protests over proceedings in the National Assembly. This followed a row in the Assembly this morning during debate on the election of the legislature's officers. Some deputies alleged Government interference in the elections and two Opposition members burnt copies of the House rules.—Reuter.

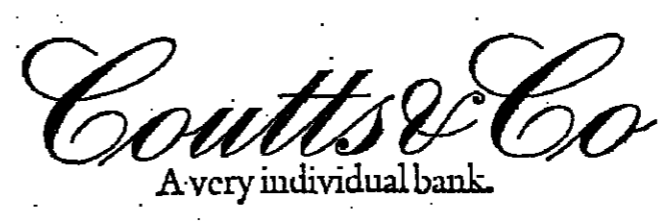
Peronist dead in La Plata attack

Buenos Aires, Oct 14.—Three car loads of men using machine guns and rifles took up the headquarters of the left-wing Peronist youth organization in La Plata during the night. Señor Juan Carlos Leiva, aged 24, one of three people wounded in the incident, died today in hospital, bringing to at least 155 the number killed this year in Argentine political violence.—UPI.

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Racing

Steel Heart will attempt to add to a list of achievements

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent The first two days of the Houghton meeting at Newmarket began to shape up as a day when trainers were required to state their intentions at the four day fortnight stage. Strange to relate, neither Vincent O'Brien nor Paddy Prendergast will be fielding a runner for the Dewhurst Stakes, which has been sponsored by the William Hill Organisation again. We have grown accustomed to challengers from that quarter over the years, and O'Brien won the race with Nijinsky and Cellini.

chance. Grundy, unbeaten after three races, is the favourite at even money. It seems as though we can also expect a challenger from France for the race. Piccolino, an American-bred colt trained at Chantilly by Francois Boutin for Souren Talian, one of the most easily recognizable individuals on the international racing scene, was also one of those who stood their ground yesterday and Ladbroke has priced him at 6-1. It will be interesting to see how Piccolino fares, because he finished fourth in the coveted Prix de la Salamandre, less than three lengths behind his mistletoe stable companion, theilly Demora, who then beat all but Cry Trueth in the Cheveley Park Stakes. Piccolino had won his previous race at Deauville, Balduir and Stamen, both good winners this autumn at Newmarket and York respectively. Berkeft, Big Venture and Top Level, are the only other acceptors.

Take it Easy excels in new school

Take it Easy, a horse who three weeks ago was being exercised at riding school, won the Goyts Cliffe Handicap at Warwick yesterday. His first success as an owner.

The Benign Bishop impresses

The Benign Bishop made an impressive reappearance at the Melrose Cup at Ayr yesterday. Going clear from three out, he drew right away to score by 10 lengths in two years.

Lindley's last big rides

By Jim Snow Jimmy Lindley, at 39, soon to retire from riding, will partner Cumberbund in the £12,000 SKF Cesarewitch at Newmarket on Saturday.

Cundell is fined fixed penalty for declaration

Frank Cundell, the Aston Turf Club trainer, was fined the fixed penalty of £25 by the Warwick Stewards yesterday for declaring Nae Bird in the Cesarewitch Handicap.

Warwick programme

Table of racing programmes for Warwick, including sections like 1.0 MOP SELLING STAKES, 2.0 CORINTHIAN AMATEUR MAIDENS STAKES, and 3.0 MARKET SQUARE MAIDEN PLATE.

Redcar programme

Table of racing programmes for Redcar, including sections like 2.15 AIRY HILL PLATE and 3.15 HUNTING STONE HANDICAP.

Newton Abbot

Table of racing programmes for Newton Abbot, including sections like 2.15 ABOTSKERSWELL HURDLE and 3.15 FLUID HILL HURDLE.

Warwick programme

Table of racing programmes for Warwick, including sections like 3.45 CAPTAIN COOK PLATE and 4.15 RALPH CROSS HANDICAP.

Warwick

Table of race results for Warwick, including winners like Steel Heart and Take it Easy.

Warwick selections

Table of race selections for Warwick, listing horses and their odds.

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Advertisement for 'INNOVATION FOR TOMORROW' by the National Research Development Corporation, highlighting technological advancements in Britain.

Advertisement for 'Motör racing' featuring Redman poised to beat Andreotti for the F5,000 title.

Advertisement for 'Rowing' featuring Britain losing a champion and finding another, with details on the lightweight world championships.

Advertisement for 'Golf' featuring a referee denying a 'hole halved' call and new sponsors for a London tournament.

Advertisement for 'Warwick' featuring a table of race results and selections for the day's events.

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Advertisement for 'Warwick' featuring a table of race results and selections for the day's events.

SPORT

McCluskey's second title defence in eight years lasts two minutes

McCluskey, Britain's best serving professional boxer, retained his flyweight title at the Top Rank Suite, Swansea last night when he disposed of challenger, Tony Davies.

Davies, 22 years old and certainly not ready for a contest of this importance, has the limited satisfaction of having taken part in what may have been a historic event.

McCluskey, with his experience of 35 contests around the world in clubs for European titles, was a couple of classes beyond the challenger.

Autumn windfall that could brighten the calendar

It is an important week for tennis in the United Kingdom. Six of the most successful players in a Virginia Slims circuit are playing in a £42,000 play-off tournament at Los Angeles.

The triumphant return of Miss Bueno

Tokyo, Oct. 14.—Maria Bueno, the former Wimbledon champion, made a triumphant comeback after five years to win the singles in the Japan open tennis championships here today.

The 35-year-old Miss Bueno, of Brazil, topped the No 1 seed Katja Ebbinghaus, of West Germany, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, and picked up a prize money of £2,700.

Wimbledon champion in 1959, 1960 and 1964, she was seeded No 3 in the £40,000 tournament. Her first of the six-match Asian circuit.

Miss Wade wins title

NASSAU, BAHAMA, Oct. 14.—Miss Wade overhauled her rival Helen Gourlay 6-1, to win the women's singles in the Virginia Slims tournament here yesterday.

New book for beginners

More than 50,000 people are estimated to take up squash each year. In 1980 the sport will rival in popularity the Squash Rackets League. And yesterday a new book for beginners was published by Queen Anne Press.

Rackets

MISS WADE (USA) beat Helen Gourlay (GB) 6-1, to win the women's singles in the Virginia Slims tournament here yesterday.

Real tennis

LORD'S MCC beat Cambridge 13-9 in a real tennis match. The match was played on the roof of the club.

Rugby fives

OLD WHITTINGS (R) beat New College (N) 10-0 in a rugby fives match.

Snooker

Reardon shows consistency as series starts. Auckland, Oct. 14.—Ray Reardon, the world professional snooker champion, defeated Eddie Charlton, world open champion, by five frames to two in the opening round of the £75,000 World Snooker Series.

Ice hockey

MIAMI BEACH (USA) beat Boston Bruins (USA) 5-2 in an ice hockey match.

Rugby Union

Stern opposition for Tongans

By Peter West. Rugby Correspondent. Derek Quinell, the Llanelli and British Lions forward, who was dropped by his country last season, has been selected to play at No 8 in the Welsh XV to meet Tonga in the last match of the tour, at Cardiff on Saturday.

Richmond scrum half in county team

Terry O'Hanlon, the Richmond scrum half, makes his first appearance for Eastern Counties, winners of the south-east group for the past two years, in their key opening game of the new county championship.

Tomorrow's county teams

EASTERN COUNTIES: A. N. Jordan (York), M. Bennett (Bedford), A. Johnston (CO), R. Cooke (Essex), N. Panton (Suffolk), J. G. D. T. Jones (Sussex), A. J. G. Jones (Surrey), M. P. Jones (Sussex), A. J. G. Jones (Surrey).

Cricket

Lillee moves nearer to Test place

Perth, Oct. 14.—Dennis Lillee, the Australian fast bowler, moved a step nearer his return to Test cricket when he was included in the Western Australia state team here tonight.

Greig sees Carr about article

Tony Greig, the Sussex and England batsman, has been seen by Lord's yesterday to discuss a recent article which appeared in an Australian newspaper attacking his batting.

Weightlifting

London awaits the unknown giant of Russia

Russia's world, Olympic and European super-heavyweight champion, Vasily Alexeev, who has not been defeated in the past four years, will compete in the weightlifting competition for the title of "The Strongest Man in the World" at Crystal Palace, London, on November 27.

They must be thinking of having Quinell as a blind side flanker forward on November 27—his specific job of stopping their backs is a job he has achieved with much success for the 1973 Lions.

Wales will be exercised this season to get the right combination in their front five and at centre three-quarter. Llewelyn, who last played for Wales against the 1973-74 All Blacks, has put his Rugby behind him.

Football

Bonds among Revie's first selection

Billy Bonds, of West Ham United, is included in Don Revie's first team selection since he became England manager. He is in an All Star team to meet Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on Monday in a match for the late Wednesday manager and secretary, Eric Taylor.

Hunter earns two-match ban reprieve

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The tale is told that the extent of Wellington's campaign became known in advance to the firm of Fribourg & Treyer, of the Haymarket, by the size of the shipment of snuff to the Peninsula ordered by the Light Division.



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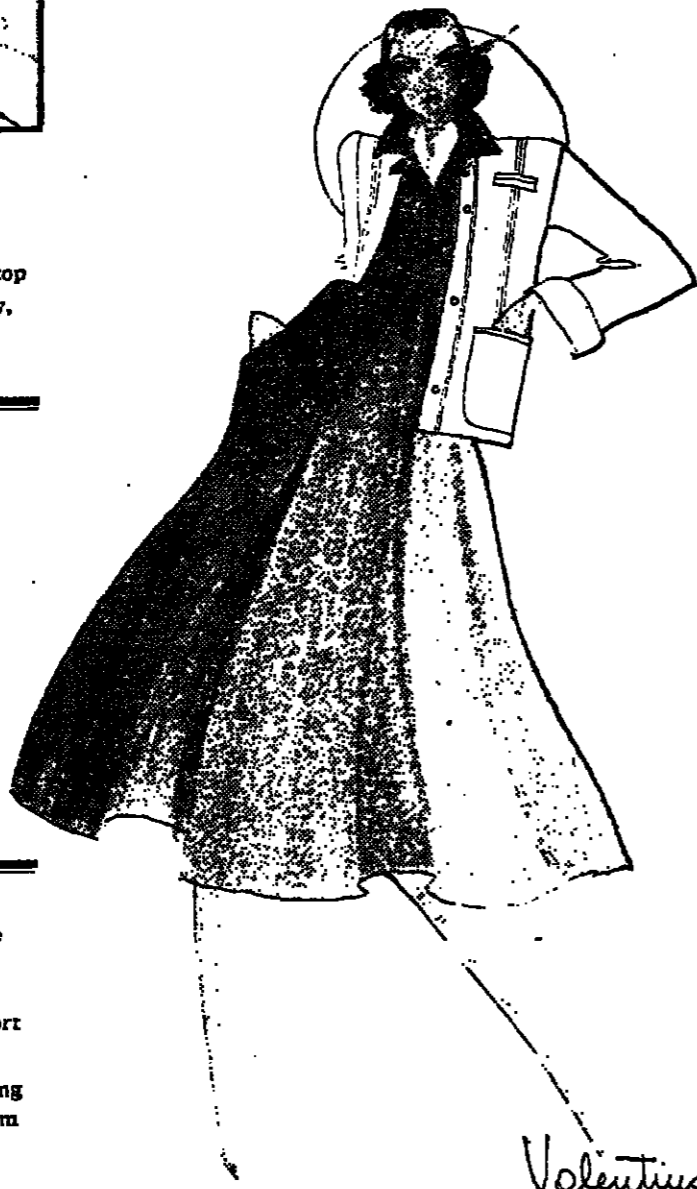
Right: The most interesting of the chemise/sack dresses. Cut-in armholes, this one with a blouse beneath. By Muriel Grateau for Basile.

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Photographs by Harry Kerr

Top: Kenacott's rose pink romance, tie-on pleated overskirt.

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Valentino 75

Valentino sketches Right: Valentino for day. He places great emphasis on dresses, this one with his military buckled belt and short jacket.

Far right: Valentino's swirling tent dress, flounced at the hem and cut from a tiny breast band. The jacket has his lily motif and his Mexican shirt-stitching details

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Right: The new suit, in heavy linen by Muriel Grateau for Basile.

Below right: Krizia's charming carnation print lingerie dress and Cardi jacket.



Above left: Missoni stripes and checks with another new idea, a print dress, between the coat and dress. Above right: The newest look at Missoni: knit which looks like piece goods, Glen checked, cape and dress. Necklace of wool stands with Perspex lozenges in a toning colour.



Valentino 75

What matters in Milan

Splinter groups, by the nature of their origin, possess at least in their early life an initiative and a cohesion which has often come to be lacking in their parent body. They are the product of gut feeling and common interest rather than of a trundling tradition which has collected a mass of political and economic and social expediencies as it rolls. So it is with the ready-to-wear shows in Milan, which three seasons ago split off from the officialdom of Florence.

Typically, this show of private enterprise contains all the best houses, for in the world of fashion, as in most creative media, it is the entrepreneurs who set the pace. The Milan group is particularly lucky in having among it Signor Aldo Pinto, the head of Krizia, whose generosity deserves thanks from his colleagues. If Milan wants to compete with Paris I feel they will need more originality. The shades of Kenzo, Lagerfeld and the total look principle of St Laurent hang heavy on many catwalks. But buyers, I am told, are more concerned with getting clothes which are on stream with current, although sufficiently new, trend, but above all getting them at a price and getting them delivered efficiently.

The skirts: Midcalf length or a little longer. Built up waist with a narrow belt (Albini for Trell), soft full skirt with a drawstring waist bow-tied in front (same house). Newest looking: the semi-slim skirt in very soft silky jersey or knit (Missoni, Callaghan) or very gently tailored in linen by Muriel Grateau at Basile.

The coats: Navy school gabardines, midcalf length, belted, by Muriel Grateau, who also did two long cardigan coats which were admirable. Albini's full trench coats.

The jackets: Very easy cardigan shapes. Short full velours at Krizia who also did lovely swing-back knitted jackets sometimes in stripes with a chevron effect. Albini's short, full poplin tops which over a full skirt remind one of Balenciaga's proportions.

The colours: Navy and white and all the colours of a spring sky, peaches, corals, citrus grey, pearly pink. At Missoni, dashes of vibrant rust, scarlet, green.

The dresses: Everyone is doing the sack dress with greater or lesser success. At its best in a sheer shirt by Albini, or very full and

glamorous at Basile, too simple for their own good at Missoni, dull at Callaghan, immortal at Ken Scott, not noticeable at Cadette. Alternatives are the belted full dress or the narrow jersey shift. Great emphasis on dresses.

Fabrics: Pure cotton damask (he calls it jacquard) at Ken Scott, pure linen remarkably increased at Basile, very fine striped cotton like a man's shirt at Trell, inside out knitting at Krizia, silky synthetic jerseys everywhere, fishnet, Donegal boucle and plaids by Missoni—who must have invented more knitting textures for high fashion than anyone else, whose collection was magnificent, and whose audience were mostly wearing previous triumphs. Ecru silky yarn with ecru embroidery by Judith Ulman for Moons. Krizia's, carnation print.

Finishing touches: Buttoned cuffs on jacket and shirt; left open and turned back. Soft material belts swished to a clasp. Seven-eighths wide sweater sleeves from a kimono shoulder, roll necks, worn over a long sleeved skinny sweater in the same colour. Turbans. Long narrow scarves.

For evening: Lots of separates, silky knit skirts, cordi coats, camisole tops. From Missoni, a new piny idea of long skirt, chemise to the knee over a skinny sweater. From Ken Scott, classic packable romance in swirling rose prints. Shawls with fringes. Sporty two-piece ensembles in silk crepe de chine with knitted waist and cuffs.

For men: On the catwalk, Muriel Grateau's formal, waistcoated or d/b suits worn with an open-necked shirt. Male models will need neck cream if this catches on. In the audience, Donegal tweed trousers with a velvet waistcoat and jacket; ginger corduroy trousers with navy blue formal jacket.

Valentino shows his ready to wear in Rome this week. He was in Milan to show couture and generously brought me preview sketches of Thursday's presentation. He has two favourite dresses, the full tent dress cut from a tiny, high breast-band, and a long torso dress with a ruffled skirt set on low and concealing pockets. His skirts are either cut from the elliptical panel he showed in July, or have a shirred, built up waist. His new print is lilies, his colours white and grey, his business blooming.

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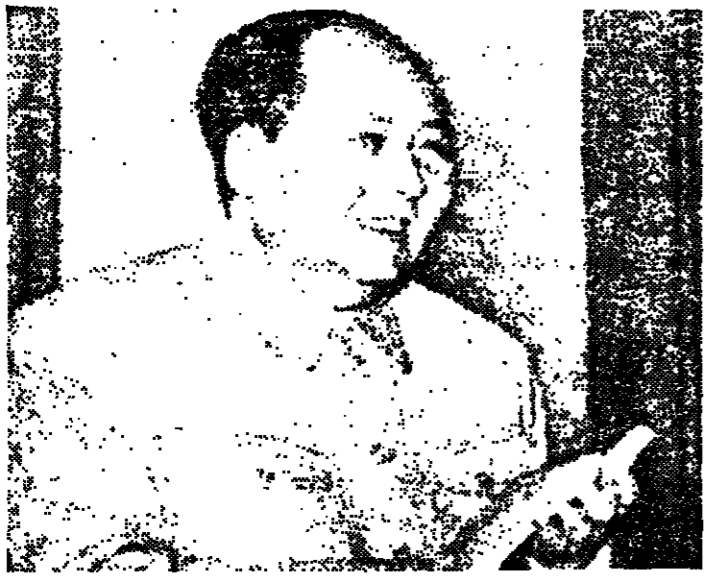
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Ancient warnings for modern China



The latest allegorical discussion of the problem of the political succession in China... The policy of the last year or two has been to rehabilitate more officials accused of revisionism seven years ago...

But does Mr Yang's analysis of the situation conceal a warning, sanctioned from above... It is not easy to establish a new social order, and to consolidate it is even harder...

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The election scandal that has nothing to do with political parties

Bernard Levin

Before I go any further, there is the matter of the television results programmes on election night... I usually stick with the BBC throughout the night, but last week I channel-hopped back and forth...

Not, of course, a political one. Indeed, I was more impressed than ever by the scrupulous impartiality of the programmes... It was impossible to deduce personal political affiliations, or even to gather the smallest clue to these, from the comments or demeanour of the rival teams...

For that particular idiosyncrasy is only a symbol of the general idiosyncrasy that now grips both channels on election night... How much, for instance, did the BBC spend on computer time during the two days, and why? David Butler, using nothing but slide-rules, used as it were the subject of what the figures were announced...

point of the massive mechanical maps and diagrams, none of which, with the possible and minimal exception of McKenzie's "Battleground", added anything to our knowledge or comprehension of the electoral process... What has gone wrong? Why this absurd waste of money and effort in telling us now what we would in any case know in a few minutes?

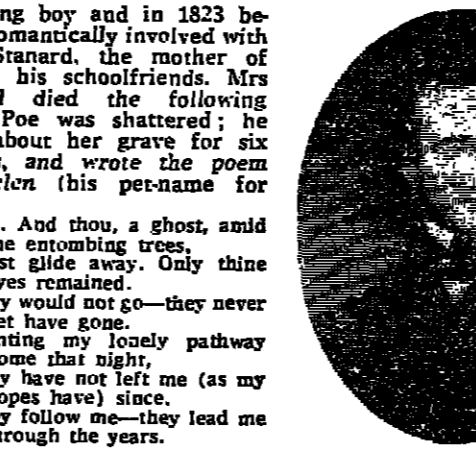
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sway of electoral fortune; again, no machinery is needed. Fourth, comments, interviews and statements from politicians and other significant figures; this, too, needs no machinery... I am not just complaining about the waste of money (though since, in the case of the BBC at any rate, it is our money that is being wasted)...

I see no parallel or analogy in the punishment of crime within a society, and the necessary self-defence of a society against its enemies... I wish to express my outrage, and believe it to be a unique departure against murder, and help cause I felt that society in the sixties, and even in the sixties could manage without it...

Curious end for the master of the bizarre

It was an election 125 years ago that brought about the death of the man who fairly can be said to have invented the modern detective story... Poe was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 19, 1809...



After the death of Edgar, she turned to New York, where David Poe apparently died a year later. In 1811, Mrs Poe also died and Edgar was taken in, though never adopted, by a Scottish merchant, John Allan, and his wife...

For the next two years, Poe seems to have lived mainly in Baltimore with his aunt, Mrs Clemm. He published more verse but finding, as modern poets do, that it paid little, he turned his attention to prose...

collection included many of the best known stories, like The Fall of the House of Usher and The Hound in the Garden... On a personal level, however, things were going badly for Poe. His young wife was dying and money troubles followed him from one editorial job to another...

It looked at the time as if his fortunes were improving. He had saved his financial position by lecturing, was offered the job of literary editor of the Richmond Examiner and was preparing to remarry... Thus it was that a unique and wayward literary genius was stilled...

David Sinclair

The Times Diary

No panic but still plenty of buying

Weekend reports of a rush on consumer goods—prompted apparently by the return of the Labour Government and a fear of further price rises—proved exaggerated yesterday... There had been heavy buying on Saturday, but this is the beginning of the Christmas season in the West End, and big spending is expected...

It had been arranged since last June and would have attracted a large audience. Air Vice-Marshal Stewart MeNeal, director-general of the institute, says that Shazi cancelled orders from Cairo... Shazi was recalled to Cairo at short notice last month after he had been reported as criticising the Egyptian political leadership on their conduct of the October war...

into what he regarded as premature retirement at the age of 70. The last few years of delay to the plaque had been caused by the difficulty in locating his home... Peter Black, the chairman of the Thames Water Authority, who unveiled the plaque, said Sir Joseph had built to last. His 100-mile system of intercepting sewers were still operational today...

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As an entry for my series on apt names, a reader told me that, according to Crickford's Clerical Directory, the name of the Bishop's messenger in the Diocese of Bangor is A. Pigeon. Smelling a rat I checked and found that it was a clerical joke, perpetrated by a high-spirited youth who, unsurprisingly, worked for Crickford's only briefly... The Bishop, who has no messenger, was not amused at the joke which he cancelled from the new edition, due in January.

Sewer man A group of London luminaries gathered in Maiden Vale yesterday to pay homage to "one of the giants of the underground, the creator of perhaps the eighth wonder of the world, the sewerage system of our great metropolis"...

Agonizing The appetite of city workers for moral and intellectual stimulation the lunch-hour so go with their sandwiches, grows as the skies darken. The lunch-time dialogues at the church of St Mary-le-Bow are long established and generally full of overblowing. Now they are being rivaled at the church of St Lawrence Jewry, barely a prayer away across Chesapeake.

Helping out The London taxi driver has come in for well deserved praise from a New Zealand family... During the seven weeks the were in England they made about 60 journeys from Highgate to St Barnabas's Hospital, and were carried free all the time by drivers of London-wide Radio Taxis... New twist to the shortages: You will recall that, were you my consumer advice service, I advised you to chop kitcher-covels in half to make oil-drivets. At Sainsbury's in Wandsworth last weekend they had no oil-drivets, so I bought a couple, but were clean out of kitchen towels. I suppose you could now top oil-drivets together—but who wants purple kitchen towels?

Why I now believe in hanging

In nine years in the House of Commons I have voted more than once in favour of the abolition of the death penalty... I was an abolitionist not because I had an absolute objection, moral or religious, to society taking the life of one of its members... I see no parallel or analogy in the punishment of crime within a society...

Julian Critchley (The author is Conservative for Aldershot.)



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WHO WILL THE NEXT LEADER BE?

It became clear over the weekend that it is not possible for Mr Heath to remain as leader of the Conservative Party. There can be no doubt that he will in season accept the verdict of his party...

Negative

The first reactions of Conservative members of Parliament have been rather negative. They do not seem to have any doubts about Mr Heath's resignation...

His critics worry about his findings. Castle image on television. It is not clear what the public would make of it. He might be seen as a warm English character or he might succeed...

Prison remand system

I have always been a strong supporter of the law enforcement authorities of this country, with considerable sympathy for prison officers and staff, whose duties are often very difficult...

servative Party and for Sir Keith Joseph to do their economic thinking for them, but Mr Whitelaw would be in the difficult position of having no real idea of whether Sir Keith Joseph was getting it right or not...

Powerful

Unfortunately negative feelings predominate about the candidates as well. This makes the timing of Mr Heath's departure rather difficult to judge. Granted that he has to go, should the Conservatives be given more time to think of the best successor...

Mr Heath is obviously the runner, but Sir Keith Joseph, Mrs Thatcher, Mr Prior, Mr du Cann and, from outside the House of Commons, Sir Christopher Soames, all have supporters at this stage. So would Mr Carr if it were thought that he would stand.

Practical

It is not clear that Mr du Cann is going to stand for the leadership. Nor, indeed, is it yet clear who would stand apart from Mr Whitelaw. Mr du Cann has a solid chunk of support...

until, as pointed out in an article by my colleague, Graham Zallick last week, the Home Office bowed to pressure from the European Commission of Human Rights.

would like to survive Mr Heath, and they would prefer a candidate, like Mr Whitelaw or Mr Prior, from their own ranks. There are serious supporters of Mrs Thatcher notably among those who have worked with her...

The same can be said at this stage of Sir Christopher Soames. Theoretically a very strong case can be made out for bringing Sir Christopher Soames back in the way that Sir Alec was brought back in 1963. It would be perfectly easy to manage...

Heart-warming

As against that there are objections. He was not thought to be a good constituency member, though that was largely made up for by Lady Soames who apart from being a Churchill is the most unaffected and heart-warming of political wives.

The probability is therefore that Mr Heath will go fairly quickly, and that Mr Whitelaw will be elected to succeed him. It is only a probability because the Conservative Party in Parliament is not yet at all sure whom it ought to choose.

the punishment may become indefinitely prolonged. Unbelievably, transfer to such a regime is labelled by the prison department a mere matter of administration, not a question of punishment.

Conservatives after the election: Mr Heath's leadership

From Sir Robert Cary. In view of the questions raised today in open discussion about the future leadership of the Conservative Party, I hope and trust that the party will not allow that issue to play any part in its thinking for at least 12 months.

Mr Heath is a courageous and sensitive leader, and his change of style seen in the recent election did much to bring him renewed support. I hope the parliamentary party will give its leader the support he deserves, and scorn any attempt from any quarter to replace him.

Merely to keep one's fingers crossed in the hopes of an economic cataclysm destroying Labour is no more productive than it is patriotic. A profound analysis is needed.

The crucial fact is that in the area of support, except in the "marginals" too many Conservative voters did not come out. They were bemused, the machine felt alienated, the grassroots ignored.

First the Protean qualities of the Conservative Party must be allowed to re-emerge themselves to create a new and clearer philosophy of action and that must be done and can only be done on the floor of the House of Commons.

Second whoever is to lead the Conservative & Unionist Party must break the authoritarian system of leadership inherited from Churchill.

Trafalgar Square plans

From Mr David Cobbold. Sir, I have read with interest Mr Osbert Lancaster's letter (October 11) and the admirable reply of Mr John Hale (October 12).

There is no question of "sponsorship" either by the National Gallery or by the Westminster City Council; the purpose of the exhibition is simply to establish public reaction in advance of the proposals being considered by the city council's town planning committee.

Poets' corner

From Miss A. R. Marden. Sir, On revisiting Thomas Hardy's grave in Stinsford churchyard a year ago I was surprised and gratified to discover C. Day Lewis's grave a few feet away.

shoulers above the oligarchy he has created. If the Conservative nation wants a new leadership they must perform look outside that grouping.

From Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Conservative MP for Leominster. Sir, I very much agree with that part of your leading article (October 12) which says that the Conservative Party was perhaps fortunate in this election.

After two hard battles with the Liberals this year I look on efforts to accomplish a reorientation of the party with something less than enthusiasm! That does not prevent me from saying that I entirely agree with the idea that British democracy would be infinitely better and more secure were there a social democratic alternative to the Conservative Party.

The basic fact of the matter is that the Labour Party is and has shown itself to be the most powerful political force in the country. Its vote does not trifle with the luxury of a Liberal challenge and knows where its best interest is.

Last February Labour was put in because of Liberal intervention and it became quite clear that the Liberals could only win in Tory seats. Yet incredibly many people thought that to back the Liberals was a way towards social democracy.

I am thankful that we have done so well in this election and that the Liberal threat is effectively finished. We now have a chance to reorganise and regroup during a period of Labour government with a mercifully small majority.

From Mr J. E. R. Wauchope. Sir, After the February election most Conservatives were shattered at the failure to alter the party leadership, and now that the latter has inevitably lost a third general

Hardy and a country churchyard in Wessex does not however seem far happier and more suitable than to think of him in connexion with a dark corner of Westminster Abbey, however august and time-honoured such a place of memorial may be.

From Mr Edgar Fromm. Sir, Perhaps you would allow me to make a brief reply to Dame Freya Stark's letter (October 3).

Oil pricing policies. From Mr William Shoito. Sir, Use of the term "Arab oil producers" by the press is unfortunate when it leads to misunderstandings as evidence by Dame Freya Stark's letter (October 3).

While it is true that of the total world crude oil output of 2,604m tonnes in 1973, 1,026m was produced in the Middle East, hardly any came from countries involved in the 1973 war.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

National Theatre's needs

From Mr Oscar Lewenstein and others. Sir, Quite naturally, the aims and ambitions of Britain's new National Theatre have attracted a great deal of public attention in recent weeks. The ambitions are high, attractive and extensive.

From Mr Humphry Berkeley. Sir, In the leadership proposals which I made to Sir Alec Douglas-Home, which are reproduced in full in George Hutchinson's biography of Edward Heath...

From Mr G. L. Hyams. Sir, The election is over and the inevitable hunt for Mr Heath is on. Mr Heath should stand aside, not stand down.

From Mr P. Palmer-Jones. Sir, It is to be hoped that the hierarchy of the Conservative Party now realize, as many of us have forecast, that the choice of Mr Heath as leader has proved disastrous to both the party and our country.

From Mr J. E. R. Wauchope. Sir, After the February election most Conservatives were shattered at the failure to alter the party leadership, and now that the latter has inevitably lost a third general

First, there is danger in the demand which will be made by the National Theatre on the resources of the Arts Council. Next year these demands seem likely to absorb something like 25 per cent of the Council's annual drama budget.

Perhaps an even more important danger is the drain, which can already be felt, on resources other than financial. For example, to staff its three auditoria the National Theatre is said to be seeking 140 skilled technicians.

From Mr Oscar Lewenstein, Artistic Director, Royal Court Theatre. From Mr Howard Giffens, Associate Artistic Director, Royal Court Theatre.

From Mr J. E. R. Wauchope. Sir, After the February election most Conservatives were shattered at the failure to alter the party leadership, and now that the latter has inevitably lost a third general

Use of TV film in court

From Mr Benedict Birnberg. Sir, What is this new beast that has crept into our lives—the untouchable journalist and cameraman? According to the Radio and Television Safeguards Committee, the use of television news film in evidence in court in demonstration cases would put journalists and camera crews in danger of personal violence.

Oak-planting admiral

From Commander Charles F. Walker. Sir, Mr R. S. Hopking in his letter (October 5) has evidently been misinformed when he states that "Lord Nelson walked about his native Norfolk planting acorns in order to replenish the supply of oak trees which had been felled to build ships for the defence of our shores."

From Sir John Lawrence. Sir, Mr Horace White (October 11) is, of course, right in saying that the *British Ally* (in Russian *Britanskii Soyznik*) was printed and published in the Soviet Union. That is one reason why it was so successful and the point has some historical importance.

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Increase of 1/2pc in retail index indicates spending is still buoyant

By Melvin Westlake Consumer spending is still surprisingly buoyant. The index of retail sales, released yesterday by the Department of Industry, increased just under one per cent in September to 112.71 (1971=100 seasonally adjusted). This appears to confirm reports from the large retailers and multiple shops that the trend of spending has continued to rise steadily in recent weeks.

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry.

Table with columns: Date, Sales volume 1971=100, New credit volume extended £m. Rows include 1972 Q1-Q4, 1973 Q1-Q4, and Jan-Aug 1974.

Although the latest figures are only provisional, they reinforce the trend showing that the level of spending has returned to that of last winter before three-day working. With this recovery, the level of consumer expenditure in the first quarter of this year was per cent above the depressed level of the first six months, though still marginally below average level in the second half of 1973.

Pilkington £150m expansion shelved

By Edward Townsend Pilkington Brothers, Britain's sole manufacturer of flat glass, announced yesterday that it was shelving for an indefinite period its £150m world-wide expansion programme.

The company said it had decided it was prudent to delay decisions on the commitment of money to its capital programme until such time as essential changes in taxation and price control are made. Half of the company's planned investment, which was to have been spread over three years, starting in April this year, related to expansion of the group's United Kingdom facilities.

US expects record trade deficit of \$5,000m

From Frank Vogl Washington, Oct 14 The United States Department of Commerce is forecasting a 1974 trade deficit of about \$5,000m (over £2,175m).

Mr. Frederick Dent, Secretary of Commerce, told American business leaders at the weekend: "Had the price of petroleum imports remained at pre-embargo levels, our trade account for 1974 would be leading towards a large surplus instead of towards a deficit of perhaps \$5,000m."

Belgian bank uncovers 'irregular' exchange losses of up to £27m

From David Cross Brussels, Oct 14 Belgium's second largest bank, the Banque de Bruxelles, announced today that it had uncovered a number of "irregular, unrecorded and unauthorized" foreign exchange deals.

Banking sources said the four men involved have been suspended. The bank is loosely linked with Barclays Bank, West Germany's Dresdner Bank, Algemene Bank Nederland, Bayerische Hypothek- und Wechselbank of Germany, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, of Italy, and France's Banque Nationale de Paris in associated banks of Europe Corporation.

Crop losses cut sugar output by 50,000 tons

By Hugh Clayton Crop losses from the present British sugarbeet harvest will run at about double the acceptable level, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday. This will lead to a loss of a ton an acre, equivalent to more than 50,000 tons of refined sugar.

"What comes out is the need for farmers' attention to detail," the ministry said. "The machines do not seem to be used to their full advantage. By the end of the season the farmer probably only gets half the rate of work from his machine than he might have expected at the beginning."

Burge in wholesale costs

Tim Congdon Wholesale prices, which rose last month at a similar rate to previous months this year, suggest that inflation is stabilizing at 20 per cent.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The following are the indices (1970=100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods and of basic materials and fuel purchased by manufacturing industry released by the Department of Industry yesterday.

Table with columns: Date, Output prices (home sales), Prices of materials and fuel. Rows include 1973 Q1-Q4, 1974 Q1-Q4, and Jan-Aug 1974.

p Provisional.

Another Hyams block let

Mr Harry Hyams, owner of Centre Point, has let another block of his empire London office blocks. Space House, in Kingsway, which has been tenanted since built about 10 years ago, is to be let to the Civil Aviation Authority, it was revealed yesterday.

Lay-offs start at Vickers

From R. W. Shakespeare Britain's largest defence shipyard, with work on hand worth £225m, is being progressively brought to a standstill by a strike of 2,300 workers which began yesterday.

Panel rejects bid for Unicorp stake

General Mining's partial offer for Union Corporation will not be allowed by the Takeover Panel. Last Thursday the panel's executive ruled against General Mining and an appeal was dismissed yesterday.

INTERIM STATEMENT

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Town & City property sales total £71m

By John Plender Town & City Properties, whose management has been substantially reorganized since it acquired Sterling Guarantee Trust earlier this year, has contracted or completed £71m of property sales since its financial year-end on March 31.

Reflation hopes boost shares

Hopes of reflationary moves from the new Government, and suggestions that some Arab states might soon reduce oil prices, brought a strong rise in share prices in London yesterday. The FT index rose by 6.3 to 1972.7, and the Times index by 1.95 to 76.13, although some gains were trimmed after doubts arose on the hope of lower oil prices.

Who really knows the ins and outs of financing East-West trade?

Moscow Narodny Bank The Specialists. The specialists in financing East-West trade are Moscow Narodny Bank. With over 50 years experience in promoting trade between East and West, Moscow Narodny is now acknowledged as the bank with the best connections and abilities in this specialised area of trade.

How the markets moved

Table showing market movements: Rises (Ass Port Cement, Barclays Bank, etc.), Falls (Broken Rice, Bolton Textile, etc.), Equities (Gilt-edged Securities, etc.), Commodities (Sugar prices soared).

THE POUND

Table showing exchange rates for various countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, US, Yugoslavia.

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Dr Carli calls for new assessment on impact of oil deficits for West

Strass, Oct 14.—Dr Guido Carli, governor of the Bank of Italy, has called for new criteria in judging the credit-worthiness of industrial countries...

£15m syrup from maize plant sited at Tilbury

By David Young A processing plant to produce a new natural sweetener and starches from maize is to be built at Tilbury...

Motortraders adopting 'survival tactics' to meet sales slump

By Clifford Webb On the eve of the London International Motor Show, it was revealed that many motor traders have been forced to reduce their staffs by 20 per cent in recent months...

1,206 price rises rejected under Phase Three

The Price Commission has rejected 1,206 proposed price increases and has won cuts worth £24.4m since the beginning of Phase Three...

Post Office wins Giro link with Co-op Bank

By Maurice Corina National Giro is linking up with the Co-operative Bank to handle the cash deposits of retail co-operative societies...

P & O buy a Norwegian cruise liner for £11m

By Michael Bally Shipping Correspondent P & O are paying around £11m for another nearly new passenger liner: the 20,000-ton Sea Venture...

NEDO strictures challenged by concrete makers

By Malcolm Brown The concrete industry has strongly criticized the National Economic Development Office for "wholly unjustified" remarks...

Slump-hit VW lays off 43,000

Wolfsburg, Oct 14.—Volkswagen, the West German motor giant, today laid off 43,000 workers throughout the country...

23.5 pc decline in gold wares hallmarked

Gold wares tested by the London Assay Office last month totalled 1,924,967 grams, a drop of 23.5 per cent compared with September last year

SIA expands into timesharing services

New hardware and software resources which are due to come into use next year were announced by Alan Jones, managing director of Service in Informatics and Analysis (SIA)...

Computer news

gather as an integrated system. A modified version of the CDC Kronos operating system would provide the software basis for a widened choice for users...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UK business performance worsening internationally

From Mr Arthur Day Sir, Invariably I find myself in complete accord with Mr Michael Montague in his pronouncements on British export performance...

High cost of social security benefits

From Mr A. U. Lyburn Sir, Your leading article on October 5 very properly draws attention to the high cost of the level of social security benefits...

Occupational pension schemes and the effects of inflation

From Mr D. F. Lomax Sir, I was very interested to see the letter from Mr Sherman, Director of Research of ASTMS, indicating that all but a handful of ASTMS members are in occupational schemes...

British trade deficit with the EEC

From Mr Gerald Simpson Sir, You reported recently that the Secretary of State for Trade, Mr Shore, considers our trade deficit with the EEC an argument in favour of our leaving the Community...

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Midland Bank directors Mr Neil Mills, chairman of Bland Payne Holdings, a firm of Lloyd's insurance brokers now wholly controlled by the Midland Bank, has joined the board of the bank...

GUINNESS PEAT GROUP LIMITED First full year after the merger in January 1973 of Lewis & Peat Limited and Guinness Mahon Holdings Limited.

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Pressure on margins may curb second-half performance at Duport

By David Mott Because its margins are under pressure Duport, the steel, engineering and domestic equipment group, does not expect its current second half to match the £5.28m pre-tax earned in the first. Nevertheless, the indications are that full-year profits will exceed the £7.52m of 1973-74.

Strong third quarter recovery by J Coral

By Fred Wilson Following the first half to June 30 which saw a turnaround in taxable profits, J. Coral, the bookmaking and casino group with interests in bingo and property, has seen a return to more normal conditions in bookmaking with a recovery in third quarter profits. These are returned at £1.98m and show an increase of 36 per cent on the £1.46m for the same period last year.

Reed Executive in interim reverse

Although turnover of the Reed Executive group went ahead from £4.2m to £5.5m in the first half of 1973-74, taxable profits eased from £504,000 to £456,000. This is mainly because the increase in profits from the employment agency and selection consultancy side, from £506,000 to £554,000, was offset by a loss of £82,000 by the self-service drug stores, and a rise in finance charges from £2,000 to £16,000.



Mr. Kenneth Sharp, chairman of Dowding & Mills: Turnover expanded by over 40 per cent.

ploration continues. Meanwhile, interim pre-tax profits are down from £642,000 to £575,000, on turnover up from £17.4m to £23.18m. The board says that the builders' merchandising and garden hardware supplies side traded well, but the car travel and engineering operations were depressed. Truck operations, however, were not affected. The dividend is held at 1.6p gross.

Dowding & Mills tops £1m mark

After a strong year's trading, Dowding & Mills has pushed its profits past the £1m mark for the first time at £1,011m before tax. This 30.4 per cent rise was achieved on turnover up 41.2 per cent to £5.26m. On net profits up from £448,000 to £479,000, the dividend goes ahead from 1.39p to 1.52p.

Storey's opening curbed by interest charges

A leap in interest charges from £39,000 to £267,000 meant a small drop in pre-tax profits (from £1.04m to £1.04m) for Storey Brothers, makers of vinyl sheeting and coated fabrics, in the half to June 22. Before the interest profits rose 15 per cent to £1.31m from turnover expanded from £8.86m to £12.05m.

Last year the company returned a record £2.26m, but feels unable to make any "realistic forecast" this time as it is impossible to guess how the adverse economic trends forecast for the country will influence the business. Nevertheless the current half year has seen sales to date in the industrial and transfer printing divisions continuing to be satisfactory. Domestic sales are slow but this is not unexpected as the new Decorane range is being launched. But orders received suggest the range will have a favourable reception.

Charles Sharpe rallies 11 pc

After a setback in 1971-72 Lincolnshire seed growers Charles Sharpe report a second year of strong recovery for the 12 months to June 30. Profits rose 11 per cent to £758,000 pre-tax having been down to £429,000 two years ago.

Smith St Aubyn caution

Smith St Aubyn (Holdings), the discount brokers and bankers which last year ran up a revealed loss of £1.6m, has fared better in the half year to September 30. While as usual practice giving no figures results for the period have been satisfactory, but is cautious on the outlook for the full year. The interim dividend is up from 3.5p to 3.72p.

Jones Group up 24 pc

The Jones Group, the Dublin engineering, mechanical services, contracting and shipping company, is confident that development will continue profitably in line with its long-term plans.

S Jerome lower

The usual combination of short-time working, and the effects of inflation on group operations, have held interim profits of S. Jerome & Sons (Holdings) up an advance from £173,000 to £180,000, although turnover rose from £2.14m to £3.3m. Net profits eased from

Tricentrol dips on record turnover

With two years to go before Tricentrol's stake in the North Sea Thistle Field pays off, ex-

Stock markets Shares find more cheer

The first day of the post election account saw share prices in good form, as the market began to respond to City expectation of at least some deflationary moves from the new government's mini Budget in November. These hopes were strengthened first by the news that the Prime Minister was meeting leaders of TUC and private industry, and that he planned to speak on television last night. By midday, the FT index was up by 6.0 points.

But also helping the mood were reports that Saudi Arabia intended to lead a move for lower oil prices. Major stocks, including oil shares, advanced strongly in the afternoon, but slipped below their best levels on suggestions that the earlier report had been contradicted from another Arab source. The FT index closed a net 6.3 up at 197.2, having touched 198.4 at peak. The Times index rose by 1.95 to 761.3. But rises in these indices exaggerated the level of business. Recorded bargains fell to 4.297, one of the lowest totals seen even in the recently depressed market.

ICI (163p) closed at the day's best, showing a net gain of 5p. Similar rises brought Courtaulds Tobacco to 72p, British American to 171p. A strong feature in the final hour was Glaxo Hldgs, whose shares jumped by 8p to 302p on profits well above general expectations. The exception to the market trend was again the property pitch, where fears for the new Government's attacks brought Hammerson "A" 110p off at 225p, Haslemere Esits (6p off at 104p) and Chesterfield Properties. Strong features in engineering included Vickers (3p up at 90p) following press comment, and GKN (5p up at 143p). Tube Investments, 2p up at 168p and Hawker Siddeley, 8p up at 190p, all finding some genuine institutional interest. At 9p, BLMC looked firmest. But this section quietened down after Pilkington Brothers had disclosed a postponement in its £150m investment plans, a move which lowered Pilkington

Brisk start lifts Staflex to new peak

Staflex International, makers of fusible interlinings and equipment for the clothing industry, has made a flying start to 1974 and the promise is that the full year will see fresh records being attained in both profits and turnover. In the period to June 30 profits pre-tax moved up 13.5 per cent from £850,000 to a record half-time level of £965,000 on turnover up over 19 per cent from £11.9m to £14.2m. The interim dividend is being raised from equal to 1.43p to 1.67p.

Mr. J. N. Bellow, chairman, said earlier he was looking for a significant advance this year and now says he is confident that the full year results will show an increase on the 1973 record of £1.7m and that the board intends to pay the maximum permitted dividend. Meanwhile the group is continuing to expand into new markets and fields of trading around the world.

Thos Poole & Gladstone

Thomas Poole & Gladstone China has been officially reclassified an industrial holding company by the Stock Exchange in acknowledgment of significant change in its structure this year. Once exclusively engaged in the pottery industry, TPG has developed into a group with a wide portfolio of investments in both quoted and unquoted companies.

IDC improves

For the half year to April 30 taxable profits of the IDC Group, designers and constructors of industrial and commercial buildings, moved up from £303,000 to £366,000 and the board is raising the interim dividend from 2.52p to 2.76p. In his last annual statement the chairman said profits for 1974 would be at least maintained at the 1973 level of £853,000, and he now confirms this. He adds that the group will start 1975 with a satisfactory order book and that its growth should be maintained.

Briefly

SPRAX-SARCO In half to June 30 pre-tax profit down from £822,000 to £707,000 out of turnover of £7.53m (£6.63m). Result reflects three-day week, but final outturn should be satisfactory though unlikely to match last year's record £1.92m.

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, 2 Year, 1 Year, Prev total, Prev year. Lists various companies and their financial metrics.

Issues & Loans

Malaysian ship funding

International Shipping of Malaysia is borrowing \$140m through a 10-year roll-over credit carrying a margin of 14 per cent over the relevant London interbank Eurodollar rate. The loan, guaranteed by the Government of Malaysia, will be used for partial payment for five methane carriers to be built by two French companies.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table with columns: Bid, Offer, and various Eurobond instrument details including issuer, maturity, and price.

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Mining

Few surprises from 'Johnnies'

After the trend set by yesterday morning's quarterly figures from Gold Fields, Barlow Rand and Union Corporation gold mines, the Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Group figures tell much the same tale. At all three mines, there was a delay already noted elsewhere in receiving the premium price and that obtained in the free market, with the consequent sharp fluctuations in revenue.

Working profits rise

Probably the most encouraging news comes from the new androfaun mine, where the selling rate continued to rise from 50,300 tonnes in the June quarter to 125,000 in the latest three months. This led to lower unit costs, which with a comparatively high gold price, enabled working profits to rise from 22.7m to 23.5m.

Working profits rise

The working profits for the three mines, allowing for tribute payments, are:
Barlow Rand 2.7m
Gold Fields 2.5m
Union Corp 2.5m

Poseidon's new ore figures

Total ore reserves at Poseidon's Mt Windarra and South Windarra were reduced from 8.8m tonnes, to 8.3m tonnes, averaging 1.94 per cent nickel, as a result of further drilling. Copper reserves at the Burra mine have been upgraded from 3.14m tonnes to 3.33m tonnes, assaying 1.55 per cent copper each tonne.

Tanks' interim

Following the change in Tanganyika's financial year-end and in the basis of accounting, the figures for the six months to June 30 are considered by the board not comparable to those of 1973.

Andrew Wilson

Pre-tax profits amounted to £246,000, against management expenditure of £254,000, exploration expenditure of £114,000 and writing down investments by £59,000 and after the inclusion of other income of £36,000 and associated profits of £120,000. After tax of £142,000, net profits came out at £204,000, equivalent to earnings of 0.73p a share.

Commodities

Sugar soars to record levels

Fresh peaks were seen in London SUGAR prices yesterday. The daily price was lifted 55 to a record £580 a long ton. And futures forged ahead to penetrate new highs in all positions with nearly December topping the 4000 mark for the first time. Limit gains of £10 a ton were recorded. Buying support stemmed mainly from speculative elements together with some trade price fixing, although fairly active switching operations tended to narrow the differentials. Also aiding the trend was the strength of the Paris market dealers said.

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Foreign Exchange

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Money Market

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Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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By John Woodland

For and against the LME

A verbal battle developed last week on the merits or demerits of the London Metal Exchange. Leading the attackers was none other than Sir Val Duncan, the chairman and chief executive of The Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation.

On the other corner Mr Fred Wolff, the chairman of the Committee of the London Metal Exchange, backed up forcibly by Herr Karl Gustaf Rajten, the chairman of Metallgesellschaft AG.

With characteristic thoroughness Sir Val put his case at the American Metal Market forum at the Cafe Royal, London. He said a small surplus of metal or a smaller shortage produced an artificial market for the tonnages of metals actually being sold on the LME.

He questioned whether the practice hitherto of pricing the bulk of these vital commodities for world consumption on the LME is satisfactory in modern trading conditions.

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Times Indexes

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Position Sterling

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Forward Levels

Table with columns: Name, Bid, Offer, Yield. Lists various forward levels.

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Table with columns: Bank Name, Rate. Lists bank base rates.

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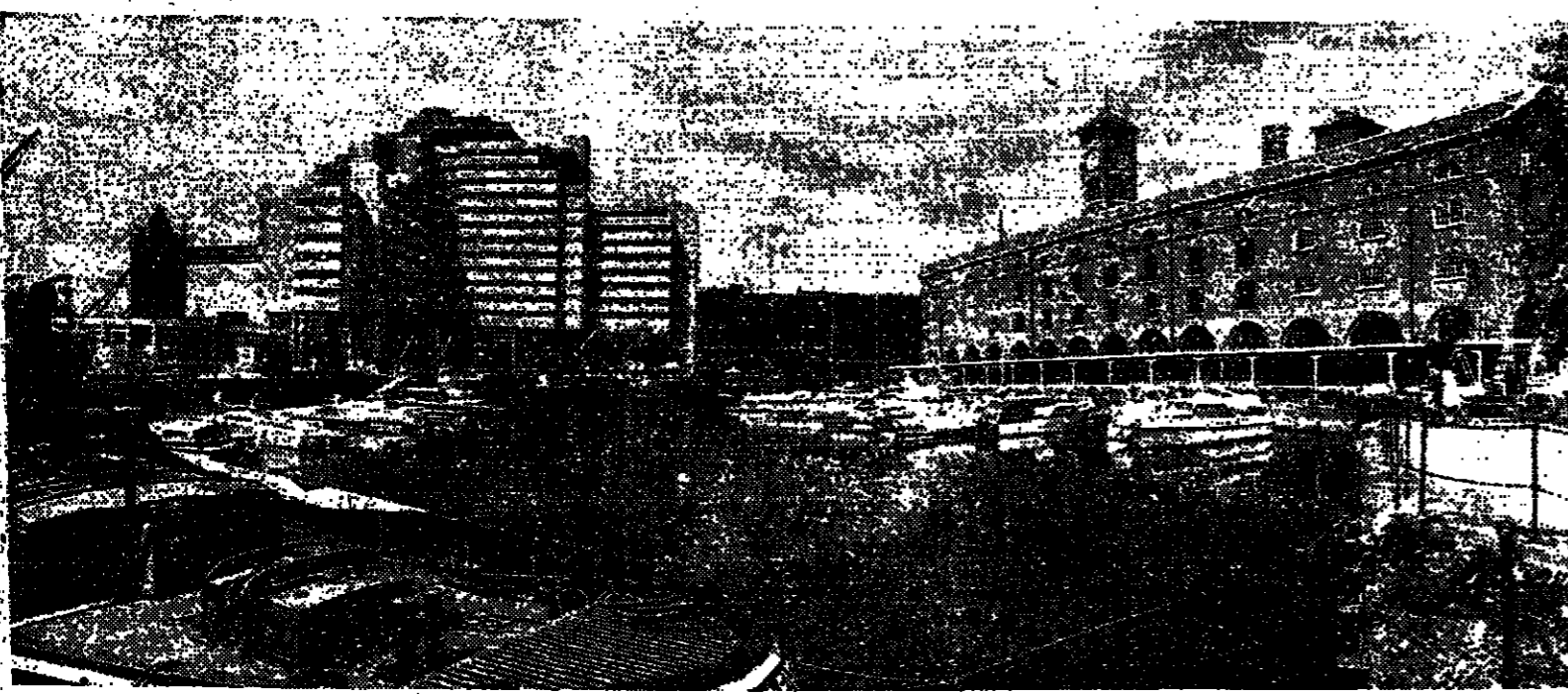
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St Katharine by the Tower

a Special Report



The famous engineer, Thomas Telford, no doubt breathed a deep sigh of relief when he was given the final go-ahead 150 years ago for the new dock development at St Katharine by the Tower. He is in charge of demolishing the ancient buildings of the Hospice at St Katharine and of the design of the new docks.

It took some time for the scheme to be reached to be reached for him to get on with the job. The St Katharine Dock Company's Bill had been promoted in 1824 by a number of merchants who thought that a new dock nearer to the City would be able to compete with the older docks constructed farther from London.

October 23, 1828, although only the western dock had been fully completed by then. The eastern dock opened one year later and Telford and Hardwick both received a salary of £500 for their work.

Whatever Telford's troubles may have been, they seem trivial compared with those of the parties involved with the current redevelopment of the same site. Taylor Woodrow, the Greater London Council, the strategic local authority and owners of much of the site; and Tower Hamlets, in which the site is located, have been attempting to achieve the best balance and compromise in the

in the docks had ceased almost 18 months earlier, and were vacant or derelict. Some adjoining riverside wharves were bought at the same time to open up the site directly to the river. The total site area was about 25 acres and the cost £1.7m. Before the closing of the docks, a working party of officers from the GLC and from Tower Hamlets considered the development possibilities of the site and, as a result, in February, 1969, the Planning and Transportation Committee of the GLC instructed officers to prepare a brief for developers. The brief required developers to make provision for 300 units of local authority housing and a primary school and to retain the water areas—about 10 out of the 25 acres—as a yacht basin.

Other optional uses suggested were as an hotel, restaurants, public houses, shops and a commercial exhibition centre. Offices other than those incidental to the proposals were specifically excluded, and the prospective developers were advised that the historic listed warehouses should be retained if possible. The committee received five detailed schemes and unanimously chose that of the Taylor Woodrow Company, criticizing only minor points of detail. The ground rent offered by Taylor Woodrow was £165,000 a year, and the scheme included 300 local authority dwellings, a primary school with nursery unit, a yacht basin, some 378 private dwellings, an hotel, a British export centre, a sports centre, a theatre, chapel,

shops, restaurants and public houses. The scheme provided for the retention and conversion of the large listed warehouse "B" into a British export centre. Outline planning permission for the whole scheme was given in 1970. All went well until the GLC changed control, when the Labour Administration began to be wary of the amount of office space to be taken up by the World Trade Centre in the development—the success to the originally named British Export Centre. They feared that Taylor Woodrow were trying to squeeze more and more offices into the scheme. In July, Mr Norman Howard, chairman of the planning committee, voiced these fears: "Since the original decision was taken, the administration has changed at County Hall, and we must consider this."

He said they had a duty to ensure that the public got a fair share of any enhanced value that such a development would bring. The World Trade Centre was a much larger project than originally envisaged. So, this summer the scheme looked tied down by delays, and the team of architects and planners began to be run down. Mr Drew, deputy chairman of the Taylor Woodrow Property Company and chairman of the World Trade Centre, was angered. He had heard a whisper that the GLC planning committee was going to vote against the scheme and had not even seen it. In the event they did not vote against it and, instead, visited the site. Last month, after reexamining the whole project, the committee decided it was satisfied with progress made in negotiations and nodded its agreement for the next phase. The rather complicated proposals of the committee included the recommended demolition of one of the listed buildings, warehouse "C", on the understanding that suitable materials recovered from it could be used in reconstructing part of warehouse "B", which had been badly damaged by fire. They proposed that the site warehouse "C" should be laid out as an amenity area for use by the public. They said that, subject to the necessary planning approval, there should be no objection to including some of the offices in warehouse "B" as part of the World Trade Centre, if consent was secured from the Historic Buildings Board of the council to the necessary adaptation of that building. Meanwhile, the council's value was to seek agreement with the developers on possible revision of the ground rents. Now the problem for Taylor Woodrow is to get back the high quality team that began to bring the scheme to life. The firm is applying for an office development permit for 217,000 sq ft of warehouse "B" and is clearly hopeful of the outcome, given the change in the planning situation. So far then three buildings have been completed and are in use. The first is an office block, Europe House, of 125,000 sq ft. The building includes conference and exhibition facilities and has already staged a number of art exhibitions. There is a restaurant and a comprehensive range of secretarial and business services, including conference rooms, a trade cinema and temporary offices which can be booked for as little as one hour at a time. The second completed building is the Tower Hotel, all 826 rooms of it. This has three restaurants, conference rooms and, not surprisingly, is especially organized to accommodate businessmen. Some of the suites have gorgeous views over the City, the Tower of London and the Thames, although the hotel will block out some of those views for future residents of the site. The third building to be completed is Ivory House, formerly a warehouse built in 1854 which has cost £1.5m to restore to its Italianate style. It includes some luxury furnished service flats which look on to the yacht basin. The scheme is not due for completion until 1985, 16 years after its inception, and even that completion date is beginning to look optimistic. No doubt further negotiations lie ahead, but when the whole scheme has been completed, both the development and the local authorities should be able to look back on a joint venture in which everyone—and that means the people of Tower Hamlets as much as world businessmen or else—will have benefited.

Christopher Warman
Local Government
Correspondent

Not so much a conventional office building more a way of business life

Patrick O'Leary
The World Trade Centre Association to be a United Nations of Commerce" received powerful support when Moscow came a member in July. The age when few but the rich get richer, the accession of Teheran may have been equally significant. The Chinese, now investing international trade as before, have also shown interest in the movement; but the presence of Kinshasa, capital of the African state of Zaire, where a complex covering 25 acres is being built. The president remarked:

organization. Each centre is run by its own autonomous association. There are several in the United States, with others in Europe, Asia, New Zealand, and elsewhere. Mr Guy Tozzoli, American president of the world association, told its annual general assembly he believed that within the next decade there would be centres in every trading region in the world. Perhaps to underline this prospect, next year's assembly will be held at Kinshasa, capital of the African state of Zaire, where a complex covering 25 acres is being built. The president remarked:

St Katharine's Dock. In addition to conference and exhibition halls it contains office space rented to firms and institutions involved in international trade. About 30 have moved in. The cost is a matter of negotiation. Mr Bryan Renn, executive director of the centre, said top rates were charged to commercial companies, middle rents to representatives of overseas countries, and the lowest rates to institutions. "It is a question of getting the right mix", he said. "We have marketed every bit of space ourselves; it is not a conventional office building."

Typical lettings cover about 1,000 sq ft each, and larger demands are discouraged by scaling up charges the more space is required. "We encourage people to take the minimum of space, because we want to have the maximum number in", Mr Renn said. "We also impose stringent conditions. We ask prospective tenants: 'Are you involved in international trade, visible or invisible?' They are asked to locate decision makers only in the centre. Some City firms wanted to put their accounts departments here. We turned them down, including a merchant bank."

Mr Renn said the aim was to provide much more than just rented office space. For example, a boardroom could be hired for a morning's use. This could represent a real economy for firms which often maintained in the heart of London boardrooms that were occupied only a dozen times a year. The centre contains banks, a travel agent, a stationer, and restaurant and bar. It is also possible to hire interpreters and make use of telex, telephone answering and messenger services. These are not confined to tenants. Non-resident members of the London World Trade Centre Association can benefit from them. So can visiting businessmen, who are invited to make the centre their headquarters during their stay in the capital by renting temporary office space, perhaps just a desk, in the building. A business information service maintains links with centres in other countries for up-to-date interchange of computerized data. It incorporates a library developed in conjunction with the Institute of Export. When they travel abroad, members of the London association can make use of the services offered by other centres in the cities they visit. In spite of the restrictions imposed, nearly all the available space in Europe House has been let. Work is in progress on the next phase of development, which will provide more offices and exhibition and conference halls. Meantime, floating exhibitions help to extend existing space. The ship used in *The Oneida Line* television series was the setting for a display of goods at the dock this summer. Another branch of activities has begun with the founding of a world trade institute at the London centre. This will work with similar establishments in other cities to develop courses in exporting and stimulate research in international trade. A one-day seminar on floating exchange rates held in June proved to be a sell-out at £35 a head. One planned for next year is likely to attract a more specialized audience. It will discuss what international companies can do to counter the risk of guerrillas kidnapping expatriate managers in hot-blooded countries.

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A promised land—with delays

By John Young
Planning Reporter

For the least of the controversies surrounding the St Katharine's development has been the housing issue. Taylor Woodrow is uncomfortably aware that what it promised was a mixed commercial and residential scheme; what the public sees at present are office blocks and a hotel, and not so much as a single house or flat. It is tough to give property developers a bad name. As usual, it is impossible to say where the blame for the delay mainly lies, but it does appear that both the Greater London Council and Tower Hamlets councils have been dilatory. According to Taylor Woodrow, the plans submitted in 1969 included some 700 residential units to be constructed on land surrounding the East Dock, of which approximately 300 would be sited for local authority use.

Tower Hamlets council that the details were inadequate. That was despite the fact that they had been approved by Mr Frank Layfield, QC, who was responsible for the Greater London development plan. Then came the news that the Greater London Council, now Labour-controlled, was not entirely happy with the scheme approved by its Conservative predecessor. A deputation from County Hall visited the site, and that was followed by a seminar on August 28 at which Taylor Woodrow was able to present its case for being allowed to get on with the job. The council's planning committee met on September 9 and a week later its chairman, Mr Norman Howard, wrote to Taylor Woodrow giving general approval to the project. But since Tower Hamlets remains the planning authority responsible for housing, he could do no more than say that the GLC's Housing Development Committee would be asked to press Tower Hamlets for an early decision. Mr Howard's letter also suggested that discussions be held with Tower Hamlets about possibly increasing the ratio of local authority to private housing. This seems to have been the real reason

for Tower Hamlets' wariness; they wanted more housing for their own needs. Taylor Woodrow says it would be happy to consider altering the ratio to, possibly, 400 local authority and 300 private homes. But an official remarked testily the other day "They can't go on expecting us to build their houses at cost while no money is coming in". Tower Hamlets say that meetings of their development committee and their special Docklands study committee will be held soon, at which the housing issue will be considered. The GLC hopes that a start can be made early next year. In its seminar paper Taylor Woodrow observed that the housing had been completely redesigned "to provide homes around enclosed and sunlit gardens rather than the shaded and rather windy blocks of housing originally proposed". The drawings and models are unquestionably attractive; the general impression is of light, airiness and a feeling for scale that is conspicuously lacking in so much contemporary architecture. The council tenants who eventually go to live there will undoubtedly be a fortunate minority. The pity of it is that they will have had to wait so long.



London's own yacht marina: launches leaving the St Katharine's yacht basin.

Outline planning permission was granted in 1970, with the proviso that detailed plans must be submitted within the next three years. Architects, Renton Wood Associates, produced their plans on August 3, 1973, but they were not until May this year that they were informed by



Interior of one of the eight luxury service flats in the Ivory warehouse.

Nautical centrepiece combines work and pleasure

"Just think how marvellous it will be for the businessman coming over from Europe", a Taylor Woodrow representative enthused. "Instead of having to take the train and the ferry or fight his way through Heathrow, he can come over in his yacht and moor it in the heart of London within walking distance of all the firms in the City. It will be a wonderful way of combining work and pleasure and, since he'll be living aboard, he'll save himself the hotel bills."

Although the lock will function throughout the year, it is expected that during the winter the harbour will fulfil mainly a storage function by providing somewhere for yachtsmen to keep their boats, visiting them periodically and perhaps taking them out on short trips. During the summer, however, many of them will be away on longer cruises, thus releasing berths for short-stay visitors.

Each berth provides connections for fresh water, electricity and telephones, and the sewage disposal system is claimed to be as advanced as any in the world. The second phase, the West Dock, is due to start this month and be completed by the spring. Here the boats will also lie stern on to the quayside but their bows will be attached to moorings which, in turn, will be secured to chains on the harbour bed. Prices are not cheap—£1 a day for every 10ft of overall length (minimum £3). Rates for longer stays will be cheaper; a six-month winter berth for a 30-footer will cost £180, six months in summer for a 50-footer will cost £310.

Facilities for visitors will include a clubhouse, showers, shops, including a chandlery, yacht "valeting", car parking and message and mail services. They will also be next door to a large hotel and numerous restaurants.

The Cruising Association, with its splendid nautical library, has rented space in Ivory House. The London Seamanship School is already operating in temporary premises and will later be provided with permanent accommodation. It is also hoped that the local sports council will take an active interest. Taylor Woodrow plans to build up its collection of historic vessels, which include the old Nore Lightship, the Challenge, the last of the Thames steam tugs, and a sailing barge. Next summer the harbour will also be the assembly point for the entries in the Clipper race sponsored by the Financial Times.

Even in affluent Germany and Holland, only a fairly small number of businessmen own yachts and can afford the time to cruise across the North Sea. When the St Katharine Yacht Haven and all the surrounding buildings are completed, it will be a notable attraction, an asset to London and an amenity for many more people than merely those who are fortunate enough to be able to park their boats there. Marinas are often attacked, sometimes with hours out of 24.

Work on the harbour itself is already about two-thirds completed and all available berths are almost fully booked for the coming winter. Those are in the centre section and in the East Dock where a perimeter pontoon has been laid. The boats are moored alongside "fingers" projecting at right angles from the pon-

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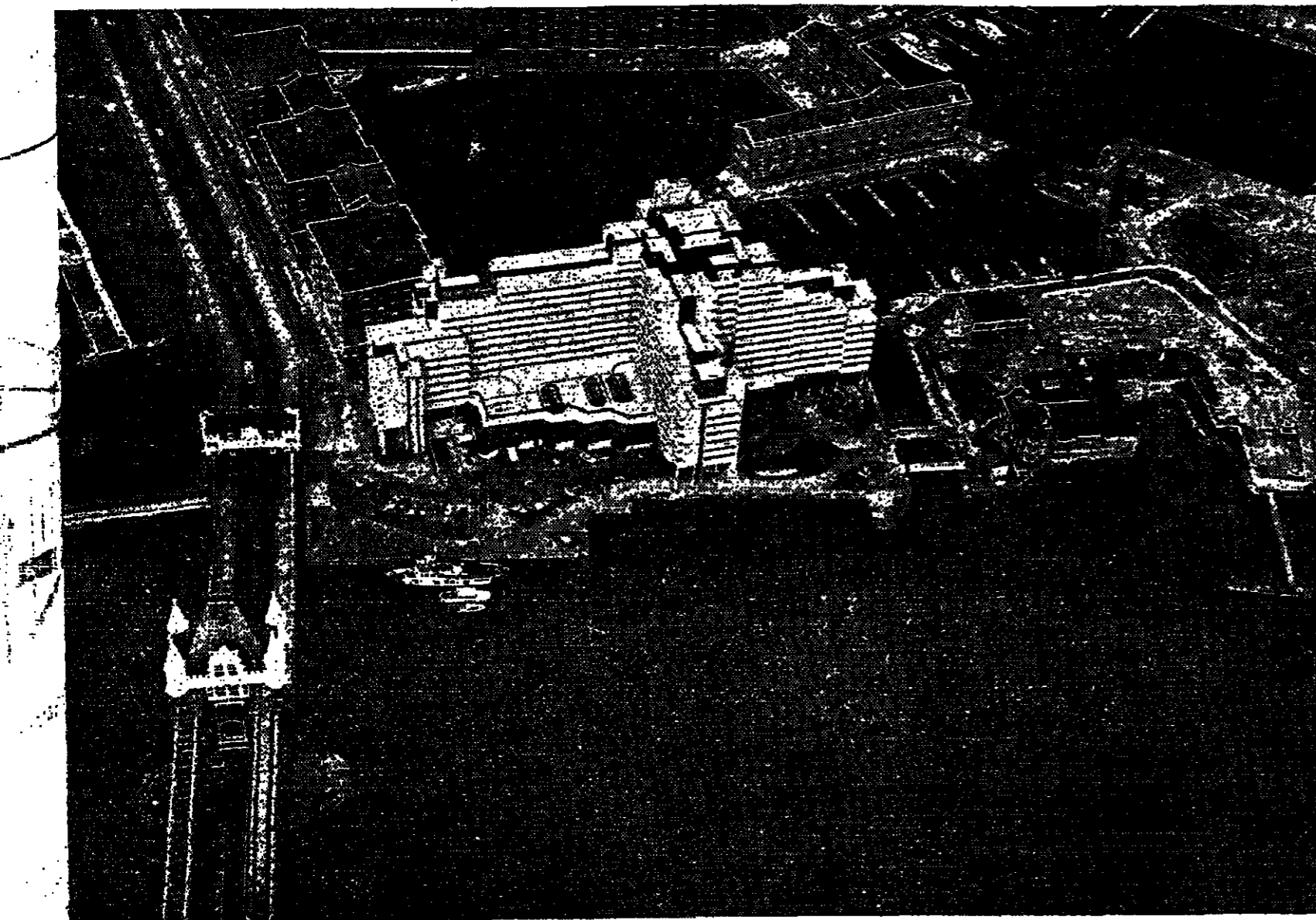
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